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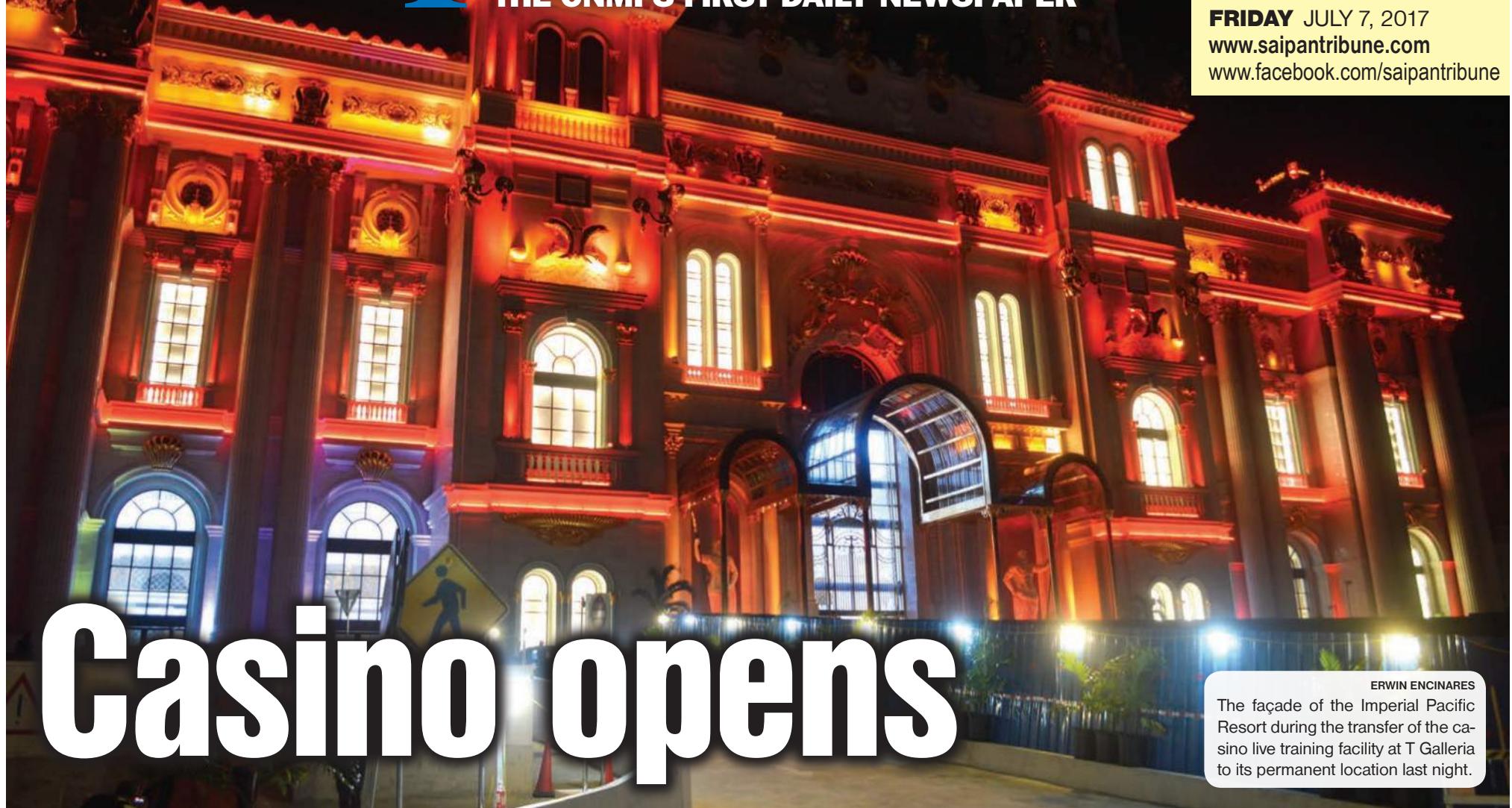
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Casino opens

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REPORTER

Without much fanfare, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC officially moved its casino operation to the unfinished Imperial Pacific Resort across the street, while closing down its temporary training site inside the T Galleria.

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Bill to clip AG's power passes House

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After much heated discussion yesterday, a bill described by opposing lawmakers as one that clips the powers of the attorney general passed the House of Representatives.

» Lawmakers butt heads during discussions

Introduced by Rep. Ivan A. Blanco (R-Saipan), House Bill 20-43 strips away the attorney general's authority to review regulations and contracts of any executive

department, agency, or basically anything that has to do with the CNMI

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Film claims Amelia Earhart died on Saipan

By LISA GUTIERREZ and
DONNA MCGUIRE
THE KANSAS CITY STAR



Earhart

KANSAS CITY, Mo.— Could a grainy, black-and-white photo, long buried in the National Archives, offer new evidence to solve the

Amelia Earhart mystery?

The famous Kansas-born aviatrix disappeared on July 2, 1937, while attempting to fly around the world.

This new photo, possibly showing Amelia Earhart, will be revealed in a two-hour History channel documentary on Sunday.

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The most widely held theory is that she crashed into the Pacific Ocean.

But now a never-before-seen photograph—allegedly showing Earhart,

navigator Fred Noonan and her twin-engine Lockheed Electra—supports a theory that she crash landed in the

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Aqua Resort Club is celebrating 28 years of service in the CNMI.

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Club C, the leader in e-gaming in the CNMI, is celebrating its 3rd anniversary today.

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Imagine Dragons sat down to listen to their new album all the way through.

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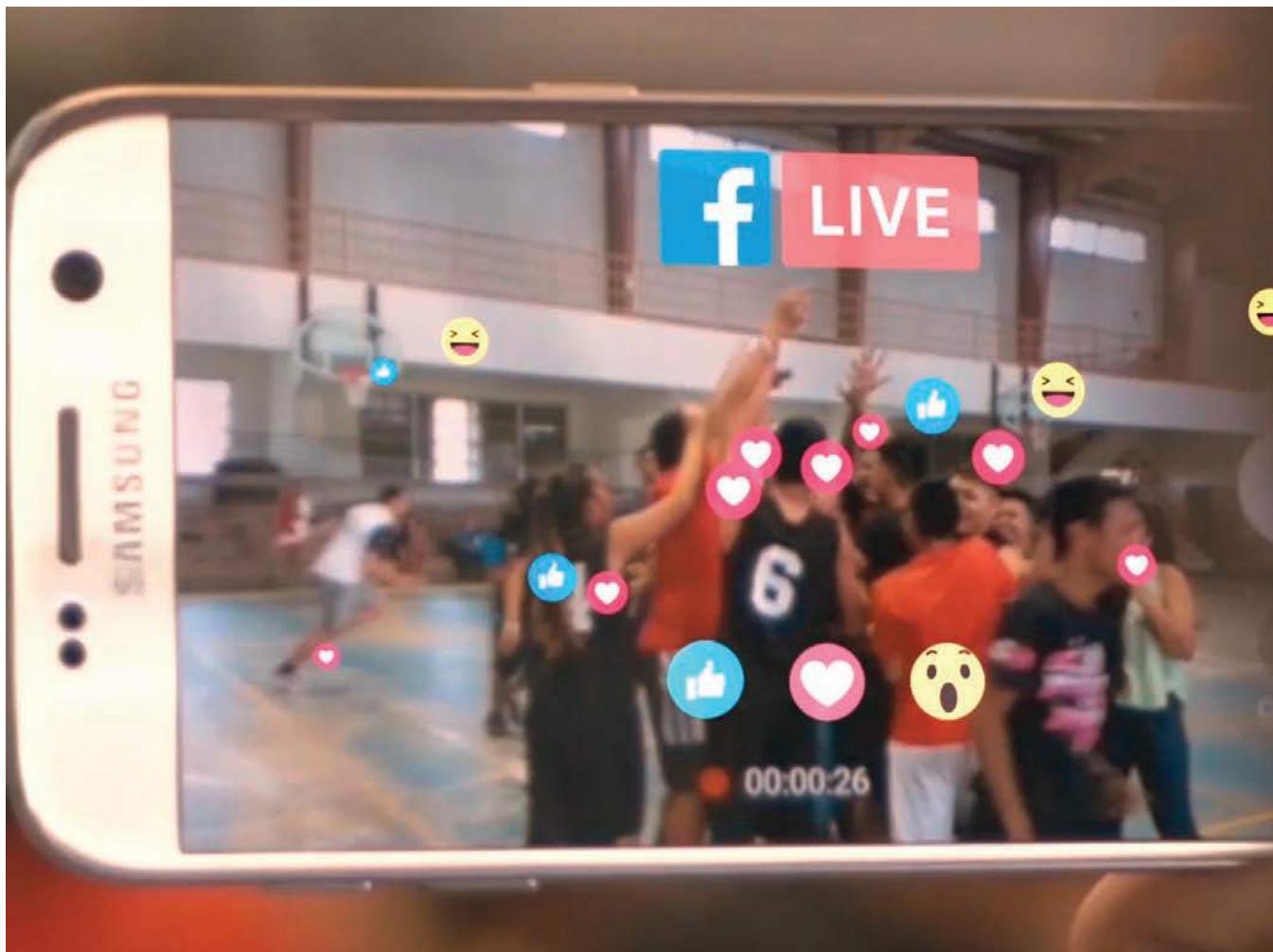


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Local

Siblings claim Manglona relied on a forged signature of mother

Siblings Priscilla M. Torres and Thomas A. Manglona now allege that their mother's signature had been forged, thus their brother, Sen. Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), didn't entirely inherit a disputed lot on Capital Hill.

Torres and Thomas Manglona, through counsel Samuel I. Mok, said the deed of gift purportedly executed on July 11, 1985, was never actually signed by the grantor as the signature of their mother, Bernadita A. Manglona, had been forged.

Torres and Thomas Manglona, who are co-administrators of the estate of the late Bernadita Manglona, disclosed this in their answer to Paul Manglona's lawsuit against them.

Mok did not discuss the al-

leged forgery further.

As of press time yesterday, *Saipan Tribune* was still waiting for Paul Manglona's comment.

Mok asked the Superior Court to dismiss Paul Manglona's lawsuit in its entirety.

Torres earlier stated that they are just honoring the wish of their parents before they passed away—equal sharing of property for all their children, including Sen. Paul Manglona.

Sen. Manglona is suing Torres, Thomas Manglona, and his own mother's estate over the disputed 4,181-square meter property.

The senator, through counsel Jennifer Dockter, asked the Superior Court to declare him the fee simple owner of the property. (*Ferdie De La Torre*)

Group sails Chamorro canoe prototype

The 500 Sails organization has successfully sailed its first prototype of a Chamorro canoe that was built based on the "Anson drawing" of 1742.

According to 500 Sails executive director Peter Perez, years of research led to the dis-

covery of a blueprint of an original Chamorro canoe, referred to as the "Anson drawing."

George Anson created the blueprint based on an original model of a Chamorro canoe found on Tinian in 1742 and taken apart by hand.

Perez and his group then built a canoe based on Anson's drawing. The group has been working on it, perfecting the prototype, and building it exactly like the blueprint. The finished prototype was named *Neni*.

Neni was built within a cou-

ple of months and was recently taken out to the ocean to be sailed. *Neni* is one of only five Chamorro canoes worldwide that is built based on Anson's drawing of the original Chamorro canoe.

According to Perez, *Neni* sailed perfectly. With its navigators having more practice, it could live up to its full potential and speed, he said.

Neni will be the basis for the canoes the organization is planning to build. The organization plans to build 60 Chamorro canoes in the next three years. The next canoe is already in the works at the 500 Sails workshop.

500 Sails has a vision of

bringing back the forgotten culture of sailing the seas on canoes made by islanders.

According to 500 Sails board chair Emma Perez, the organization's vision is to bring back the indigenous culture of sailing the seas, navigating the ocean, and bringing back what the ancient Chamorro lost during the Spanish era.

According to Perez, Chamorro canoes were burned by the Spaniards, leading to the loss of their way of life. The Spaniards forbade the ancient Chamorros from rebuilding their canoes and they no longer went back to that way of living.

The organization hopes to retrieve that aspect of the

Chamorro culture—to have 500 Chamorro canoes by 2030 and to rekindle the culture of sailing in every Chamorro.

The organization holds swimming classes and offers the option for an individual to build their own canoe free of charge.

Interested individuals are required to take up swimming classes and must complete 120 hours of volunteer work with the organization before they are eligible to build their own canoes.

Swimming classes are free and are paid for by grants that fund the organization's mission.

500 Sails urges everyone on the island to consider joining 500 Sails and to be a part of the group. *(Kimberly A. Bautista)*

CARE to share updates

The CNMI Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts will be giving the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation an update on how it is doing with its recovery mission after the onslaught of Typhoon Soudelor in August 2015.

Since that time, CARE has worked continuously to help over 1,000 individuals recover from the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

CARE has had laborers from Mennonite Disaster Ser-

vice and World Renew on island for 10 months, resulting in the construction of safer and stronger homes. To date, volunteer laborers from MDS and World Renew have restored 50 homes, making them safe and secure for families.

In order to help the remaining families recover from Typhoon Soudelor, CARE needs to raise an additional \$650,000 to pay

for building materials, operating expenses, and contractors.

On July 11, CARE will be giving an update to SNILD to both inform it of their progress and report on their current situation.

CARE urges the community to join them on July 11 at 10am at the CNMI Legislature on Capital Hill to show the SNILD that community members believe in their mission. *(Kimberly A. Bautista)*

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Payment shall be U.S. Currency or Certified Bank Draft made payable on demand in U.S. Currency to the Commonwealth Development Authority. Receipt for the full amount of the bid amount must be paid before the property can be removed. Buyer is responsible for the removal of the generator.

Bidders are cautioned to inspect the property. Property is being sold on "As Is" and "Where Is". An inspection period is provided for prospective bidders to determine the true condition and bid accordingly. Bidders are asked to call CDA Administration Department at 234-6245 ext. 304 or 310 for the schedule. The property is located at Hao's Air Conditioning the former Car Quest in Chalan Kanoa.



CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bids or any of them if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of CDA.

Partial power outage in Kagman

There will be power interruption on Monday, July 10, from 9am to 1pm, in some parts of Kagman.

The areas that will be affected are Kagman III-Phase

4 and partials of Phase 3 (Forbidden Island Road and Lalanghita Road). Water well

KG-23 will also be affected. Water services in other parts of Kagman not mentioned will continue to be served.

Motorists are being asked to take alternate routes or to

exercise caution when driving through the areas affected because of the scale of work that will be performed.

For more information, contact the Commonwealth

Utilities Corp. Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor its Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/CommonwaethUtilitesCorporation/>). (PR)

CASINO

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Although there was no official opening ceremony, a large number of tourists showed up at the new casino site, resulting in increased foot traffic within the vicinity and creating more business for businesses in the area.

With the increased foot traf-

fic, the corner along Beach Road heading to the casino seemed to bottleneck the entrance, causing vehicular traffic on Beach Road.

The former Best Sunshine LIVE casino training site inside T Galleria is now closed.

Once inside the Imperial Resort premises, upturned red lights lit up the façade of the building, creating a dramatic silhouette that welcomes visi-

tors. According to the Chinese, the color red is a symbol of luck.

There was no immediate word from Imperial Pacific why no opening ceremony was held yesterday but, according to IPI officials, a formal ceremony will be held later.

At the entrance to the casino, a staircase is on the right, while a flat screen monitor

displays scenic destinations on Saipan. Overhead, a part of a three-piece chandelier looks down on guests. The surface of the spherical chandelier, like the giant monitor, displays the CNMI's ocean. The chandelier, though incomplete, is expected to be finished two months from now, specifically this September.

While most of the casino-goers were Chinese nationals,



A huge monitor displays scenic destinations all around Saipan in the newly transferred casino live training facility.
ERWIN ENCINARES

FILM

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Marshall Islands, was captured by the Japanese and died while being held on the island of Saipan.

The photo will be featured in a two-hour documentary, "Amelia Earhart: The Lost Evidence," Sunday night on the History channel.

"This absolutely changes history," Shawn Henry, an NBC News analyst and former FBI executive assistant director who led the investigation featured in the documentary, tells *People* magazine.

"I think we proved beyond a reasonable doubt that she survived her flight and was held prisoner by the Japanese on the island of Saipan, where she eventually died."

Many theories about Earhart's fate have been researched and debated since she disappeared. Some even contend she survived and eventually returned to the United States under an assumed name.

The government's official story, however, is that her plane ran out of gas and crashed into the Pacific Ocean

somewhere near her destination, Howland Island. Some researchers have studied her plane's typical fuel usage, her flight path and other factors to determine approximately where she would have gone down.

Based on that work, Maryland-based researchers have used sonar to search hundreds of square miles of ocean floor near Howland Island without success.

Another theory pushed by a Pennsylvania group, The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery, is that she crash landed near Gardner Island, now Nikuramoro, in the Phoenix Islands chain and survived for some time before dying there.

Supporters of that theory have visited the island repeatedly. They found a woman's shoe, aircraft aluminum and other artifacts they say support their theory. But opponents say nothing they've found proves anything.

A few Earhart sleuths contend she turned around and flew back to New Guinea. Meanwhile, many researchers are convinced she ended up imprisoned on Saipan, which the Japanese controlled, and eventually died there, ei-

ther of disease or killed by her captors. Not everyone agrees about how she got there.

But researchers point to interviews of at least 50 witnesses that give credibility to the theory she crash landed at Mili Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and that both she and Noonan survived that landing.

Witnesses reported seeing the plane, with a broken wing, in a sling on the back of a ship in the Marshalls.

The new photo, unearthed by retired U.S. Treasury agent Les Kinney five years ago and revealed for the first time in the documentary, is stamped with official Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) markings that read "Marshall Islands, Jaluit Atoll, Jaluit Island, Jaluit Harbor."

The photo shows a ship towing a barge with an airplane on it. A group of people are standing on the dock. Kinney believes the plane on the barge is the Electra, and that two of the people on the dock are Earhart and Noonan.

Earhart is believed to be the woman in the photo with short dark hair, wearing a white shirt, sitting on the dock with her head turned to the right.

Kinney found the photo

while hunting through the National Archives looking for anything concerning Earhart's demise that might have been overlooked. He found the picture in a "formerly top secret" file in the National Archives.

"It was misfiled," said Kinney, who spent 15 years trying to solve the Earhart mystery, says in the documentary. "That's the only reason I was able to find it."

Kinney theorizes the photo was taken before 1943 because the United States conducted more than 30 bombing runs on Jaluit in 1943-44.

Independent analysts confirmed the legitimacy of the photo for History and that it is undoctored.

"When you pull it out, and when you see the analysis that's been done, I think it leaves no doubt to the viewers that that's Amelia Earhart and Fred Noonan," Henry told NBC News.

The documentary makers believe the photo was taken by someone who was spying on Japanese military activity in the Pacific for the United States.

Japanese officials told NBC News they have no record of Earhart being in their custody.

government, including public corporations—unless it is asked to do so.

Besides this provision, the bill takes away the attorney general's roles as the exclusive source of legal advice for government agencies and public corporations. According to the bill, the government should be able to hire non-governmental lawyers without the consent or approval of the attorney general.

The bill, which resulted in a vote of 11 for and eight against, passed with three representatives siding with the minority bloc.

Rep. Alice Igitol (R-Saipan) believes the attorney general's actions show that he has not been representing the CNMI. She added that the AG has a client to serve, and that the AG, who is the chief legal adviser of the government, should support the CNMI government.

Rep. Joseph "Lee Pan" T. Guerrero (R-Saipan) agreed with Igitol. "Who appointed him to be above the governor?" asked Guerrero. "There is no fourth branch of the government," he said, adding that they "need to put him in [his] place."

Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), who seemed to be the least heated during discussions, supported the bill.

Demapan said he was prompted to support the bill in the wake of the CNMI governor's plan to appeal a Ninth Circuit decision to allow those of non-CNMI descent to vote on Article 12 (land alienation clause). Manibusan's office had reportedly declined to represent the CNMI in that appeal.

"The governor asked for representation [for the appeal of the case at the Ninth

Circuit] but was declined," said Demapan. "Enough is enough."

Rep. Ed Propst (Ind-Saipan) pointed out that most of those that support the bill have problems with Attorney General Edward Manibusan himself. Propst also argued that 81 percent of voters voted for an elected attorney general so that the AG "won't become a lapdog for the governor."

Propst also argued that since the impeachment of a former governor, they "didn't hear anything about trying to weaken or diminish the powers of the governor."

Rep. Don Barcenas (R-Saipan) believes that the people that voted for an elected attorney general have spoken, and that they should "let people make changes—not this body."

Dela Cruz believes that an elected attorney general for the CNMI is still in its infancy and that it should first be given a chance since elections are coming up next year.

Following further discussions on technicalities and possible ramifications, the votes came in, with Reps. Frank Aguon (R-Saipan), Edwin Aldan (R-Saipan), Blanco, Demapan, Leepan, Joseph "Lee Pan" Guerrero Igitol, Janet Maratita (R-Saipan), Glenn Maratita (R-Saipan), Gregorio Sablan Jr. (R-Saipan), and House Speaker Ralph Demapan (R-Saipan) voting for HB 20-43.

Propst, Dela Cruz, Barcenas, Reps. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Blas Joseph "BJ" Attao (Ind-Saipan), Joe Itibus (R-Saipan), Vinson Sablan (Ind-Saipan), and minority leader Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) voted against.

Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) was absent from the session.

HB 20-43 now heads to the Senate for action.

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CCA support meeting on July 13

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anas@gmail.com or cca@ccamarinas.org. (PR)

VA social worker to visit Saipan

Tiare Peterkin, a licensed clinical social worker and suicide prevention coordinator with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Pacific Islands Health Care Systems, will be visiting Saipan for the first time on July 11-12 to conduct outreach among veterans here and train providers on the VA's services and resources for veterans in crisis. (PR)

Military training at Warning Area 517, FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on July 10-12 from noon to 6pm.

The military will also conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- July 13, from 2pm to 11:55pm
- July 14, from 8am to 4pm

It is recommended that the public, fishermen and marine tour operators monitor the Coast Guard broadcast notice to mariners for advisories.

W-517 is activated south of latitude 12° 40' 00"N. Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank are open for public use.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla will be in a 12-nautical mile radius of the island. (PR)

PH consular outreach on Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in coordination with Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Glicerio Arago, wishes to announce that the schedule for biometrics capturing of the e-passport applications is now available.

A team from the Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam will be on Saipan on July 10-13 (Monday to Thursday), at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe for biometrics capturing of e-passport applications. All e-passport applications require "personal appearance." Wear proper attire (shirt with collar).

For more information and confirmation, call (670) 233-6293 and ask for Mel Santos. To verify if you are on the list, go to <https://www.facebook.com/PCGAgana/>. (PR)

Joint memorial service today

To commemorate the American and Japanese lives lost during the Japanese Banzai attack on July 7, 1944, during World War II, the public is invited to attend a joint memorial service today, July 7, at 10am at Aqua Resort Club. The memorial service is organized by non-profit organization Kuentai-USA (based in the U.S.) and Kuentai-Japan (based in Japan) and aims to commemorate the history of the event and honor the lives lost. For more information, call at 588-9213. (PR)

AMP to host youth program

The American Memorial Park and Pacific Historic Parks invite Saipan youth ages 6-8 to participate in the "Soldier Skills" summer camp program on July 11-13, from 9am to 12pm. To register your child, stop by the American Memorial Park Visitor Center and complete a registration form. Space for the camp is limited. Applications will be accepted at the park and youths will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis. To learn more, contact Pacific Historic Parks education specialist Jovannalyn Mafnas at 234-7207 or 2020 or email jmafna@pacifichistoricparks.org or Ranger Brooke Nevitt at brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. (NPS)



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Non-profit group to host fundraiser for victims

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A non-profit organization that is at the forefront of protecting laborers, women, and migrants is holding a fundraiser to help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

The fundraiser by the Pacific Ombudsman Humanitarian Law will be held on July 8, starting at 3pm, at the God-father's Beach Bar inside the grounds of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

Former attorney general Pamela Brown-Blackburn, who

currently heads the Pacific Ombudsman Humanitarian Law, joined up with former assistant secretary for Insular Affairs Tony Babauta and Laurie Peterka to create the non-profit group.

Brown-Blackburn, who has experience in victim and abuse services since 1994, used to be the federal ombudsman at the Office of Insular Affairs of the Department of the Interior. The office was closed in 2013 as Interior saw no further need to assist foreign workers with issues.

"Having done that job for many years, I was aware of

the fact that it is never the case [on] Saipan. There is always something going on," said Brown-Blackburn.

That's how Pacific Ombudsman Humanitarian Law was created—to pick up the slack that the federal ombudsman's office would leave behind.

"We started in November 2013 and we have been going on since. Our primary objective is assisting victims of abuse and violation, domestic violence, sexual assault, and



Brown-Blackburn

human trafficking—the whole gamut," she said.

She pointed out that domestic problems are prevalent among U.S. citizens and Micronesians and it is not only aliens and non-U.S. citizens

that are being victimized.

"We help people get whatever benefit they are supposed to be getting, whether they are going to get temporary restraining orders in the local court or an immigration benefit while trying to pursue justice against a perpetrator. We

have to get them counseling," Blackburn said.

The Pacific Ombudsman Humanitarian Law's work is similar to the services of the ombudsman—to be a clearinghouse or referral place so that victims will have a centralized place where they can seek help.

"We focus on the referral aspect but we also provide legal services, medical and mental health assistance. The legal services for the most part is pro-bono, so it's free."

"The Pacific Ombudsman take in victims who are referred and those who walk in. We talk to them and ask what they need. We encounter language barriers but we have

people who we trust to come in and do the translation so victims can express better and we would truly know what happened to them and the solutions we can provide."

At the fundraiser, the office can answer any questions the public may have regarding victims or crimes in the CNMI.

Brown-Blackburn believes the community needs more awareness. "Everyone knows that something is happening but no one is talking about it. The economic development that is happening here in the CNMI is great but not all boats are in as it rises. We should address domestic problems as well."



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United Airlines holds a gate ceremony to mark the 35th anniversary of its Guam-Manila route on July 5, 2017, at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport on Guam.

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United marks 35th anniversary of Guam-Manila flight service

GUAM—United Airlines celebrated the 35th anniversary of its service between Guam and Manila during a ceremony Wednesday, July 5, at the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport in Guam.

With 13 flights a week between Guam and Manila, United offers the most direct flights between the two destinations. Each week, United operates 11 nonstop flights and two one-stop flights via Palau between Guam and Manila.

United is the only carrier in Guam that offers a Medical Transport Program from Guam to Manila, where many island residents seek medical treatment. The program allows passengers to be transported on stretchers.

In addition to providing the critical service for those seeking health care, United

helps the large Filipino community in Guam visit family and friends in the Philippines. Nearly 43,000 Filipinos live in Guam, making up more than a fourth of the island's population, according to the CIA World Factbook.

"As Guam's hometown airline, United is proud to mark 35 years of nonstop flights connecting Guam and the Philippines," said Sam Shinohara, United's managing director of operations Asia/Pacific. "United's Medical Transport Program is very important to our island community as many Guam residents seek a wide range of health care services in Manila. United remains committed to providing our customers on Guam with convenient, safe and reliable service as Guam's hometown airline." (PR)

Woman gets 13-day prison sentence for beating boy

A woman who beat up an 8-year-old boy and left him outside the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque was sentenced to 13 days in prison.

At a change of plea hearing on Wednesday, Kaylynn Hebron Deleon Guerrero, 27, pleaded guilty to assault and battery (domestic violence) and was sentenced to the maximum of one-year imprisonment, all suspended except for 13 days. She was given credit for 13 days of time served. That means she's already out of prison.

Deleon Guerrero was placed on supervised probation for three years and ordered to pay a \$500 fine.

She was required to undergo anger management and made to attend 19 sessions on common sense parenting. For the first two years, she is not allowed any contact with the boy, except for scheduled visits, in the presence of a Division of Youth Services agent.

Deleon Guerrero was also ordered to complete 300 hours of community service. She is prohibited from drinking alcohol during her probation.

Deleon Guerrero was originally charged with assault and battery (domestic violence) and child abuse or neglect. The offenses carry a total maximum sentence of six years in prison.

Last Wednesday, the Office of the Attorney General amended the charges to assault and battery (domestic violence). That carries a maximum prison time of one year.

Deleon Guerrero and counsel assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit signed a plea deal.

Assistant attorney general Betsy Weintraub appeared for the government.

Police said Deleon Guerrero repeatedly slapped the boy on the face and punched his stomach on April 10, 2017, causing bruising around the eye.

Police officers learned that last April 10, the boy rode a bus from school to a bus stop in Kagman 2, where Deleon Guerrero picked him up. On their way to San Roque, Deleon Guerrero got mad after noticing that the boy was sweating. She beat up the boy and stopped the car at the former La Fiesta Mall, told him to get down, and drove off, leaving him alone. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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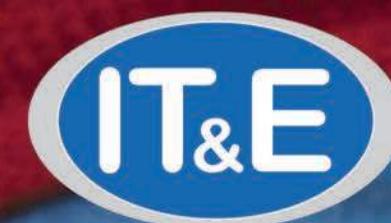
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Beijing Air launches service to Saipan



The Beijing Capital Airlines flight crew flanks Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport.

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Beijing Capital Airlines landed for the first time in the CNMI yesterday when its Airbus A330 aircraft with 240 passengers and crew flew in from Hangzhou, China and touched down at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport at 2:45pm.

Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce



Bateman was present at the arrival area to greet the arriving passengers.

The Gong family is excited to be in the CNMI for the first time and happy to be part of Beijing Air's inaugural flight.

BEA CABRERA

"It was fantastic. We are happy to be able to welcome all of them," he said. "We had girls in traditional costume giving lei shell to everybody and Saipanda backpacks to all children. We thank Beijing Air and all of the partners on the China side that put the things together that made this flight possible."

The Gong family was a part of the four-hour-and-a-half hour inaugural flight. "The aircraft was an Airbus A330. The flight was very comfortable," said the father. "There was not much noise and the in-flight service was very good."

"We were excited because it's our first time on Saipan. ... We travel several times a year as a family and we will choose Beijing Air again with other trips," he added.

The new airline promises to be an exciting venture for the MVA.

"Tourism drives the CNMI economy. We need tourism as our lifeblood and so we are happy to welcome all these tourists that come in. Hopefully new developers came along with the passengers who arrive today and make new hotels for us," Bateman added.

Beijing Air was initially prevented by the Commonwealth Ports Authority board from flying to the CNMI.

"CPA was merely acting on the order that was given to them. Beijing Air was understandably unhappy about that but nobody is holding a grudge. No hard feelings at all. Everybody ironed all the differences and problems and luckily we were able to see the results of that today," Bateman added. (Bea Cabrera)

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APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Saipan Office of the Mayor	06/23/2017 SSm-2017-X-075	July 4th Liberation Festivities	Garapan, Saipan	Shoreline	Approved - 6/23/2017
2. Ichiban Marine Sports	06/29/2017 SLRm-2011-X-026	Marine Sports Wakeboard Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal - Under Review
3. Ichiban Marine Sports	06/29/2017 SLRm-2010-X-037	Marine Sports Snorkeling Operation	Garapan, Saipan	Lagoon & Reef	Renewal - Under Review
4. Big Boyz Marine Sports	06/29/2017 SS/LR-95-X-265	Marine Sports Jet Ski Operation	Chalan Kanoa, Saipan	Multiple APCs	Renewal - Under Review
5. Megannum, Inc.	06/30/2017 SPI-2017-X-076	Soil Investigation	Lower Navy Hill, Saipan	Ports & Industrial	Under Review
6. Commonwealth Utilities Corporation	06/30/2017 SSWPI-2017-X-063 Amendment 2017-1	New Sewer Lift Station & Force main	Puerto Rico, Saipan	Multiple APCs	Under Review

§15-10-210 of the CRM Rules and Regulation requires all permit applications to be published in a newspaper for general circulation within the CNMI within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the DCRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the DCRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APCs) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local DCRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a DCRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the DCRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the DCRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the DCRM Regulations.

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Agenda needed: For the Democrats, obstruction is not enough

There has been much hand-wringing and intra-party soul-searching about whether Nancy Pelosi should relinquish her position as the Democratic Party's leader in the U.S. House—a post she has held since 2007. The answer is clear to everyone but Pelosi and her caucus.

If Democratic leadership in Congress is to regain any credibility, Pelosi needs to step aside in favor of younger leaders with a new and clear vision.

But there are some problems there: Pelosi has declared that she is not going anywhere willingly. Vision is in short supply. And, in fact, so are younger leaders.

Pelosi is actually a reflection of her party and where it now stands: Against Donald Trump and his agenda and not much else.

But what is the Democratic Party for?

Ohio Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan, who challenged Pelosi for House minority leader last fall, lamented recently that the Democrats' "brand is worse than Donald Trump's."

Pelosi is the face of that brand. But it is the entire brand that is not selling.

The Democrats have maintained their power on the West Coast and in the Northeast, but they are no longer the voice of the people in the heart of America. Since the beginning of Barack Obama's first term as president, the Democrats have lost more than 1,000 state and federal legislative seats. The party's loss of support in Appalachia has been particularly staggering.

The problem is deeper than Pelosi. Where is the party's substantive alternative—on taxes, on student loans, on infrastructure or on Obamacare?

There are many reasons to find fault with the Republicans' health care and Obamacare repair proposals, but what are the Democratic alternatives? Surely Democrats cannot believe that Obamacare does not need to be fixed. What is their proposal?

On trade and industry, people like Rep. Marcy Kaptur of Ohio and Mr. Ryan might lead the party back to meat and potatoes Democratic values.

On wealth and taxation, Sen. Sherrod Brown, also of Ohio, might be the Democratic tribune.

On infrastructure repair, why shouldn't the two parties find common ground and work together with the president?

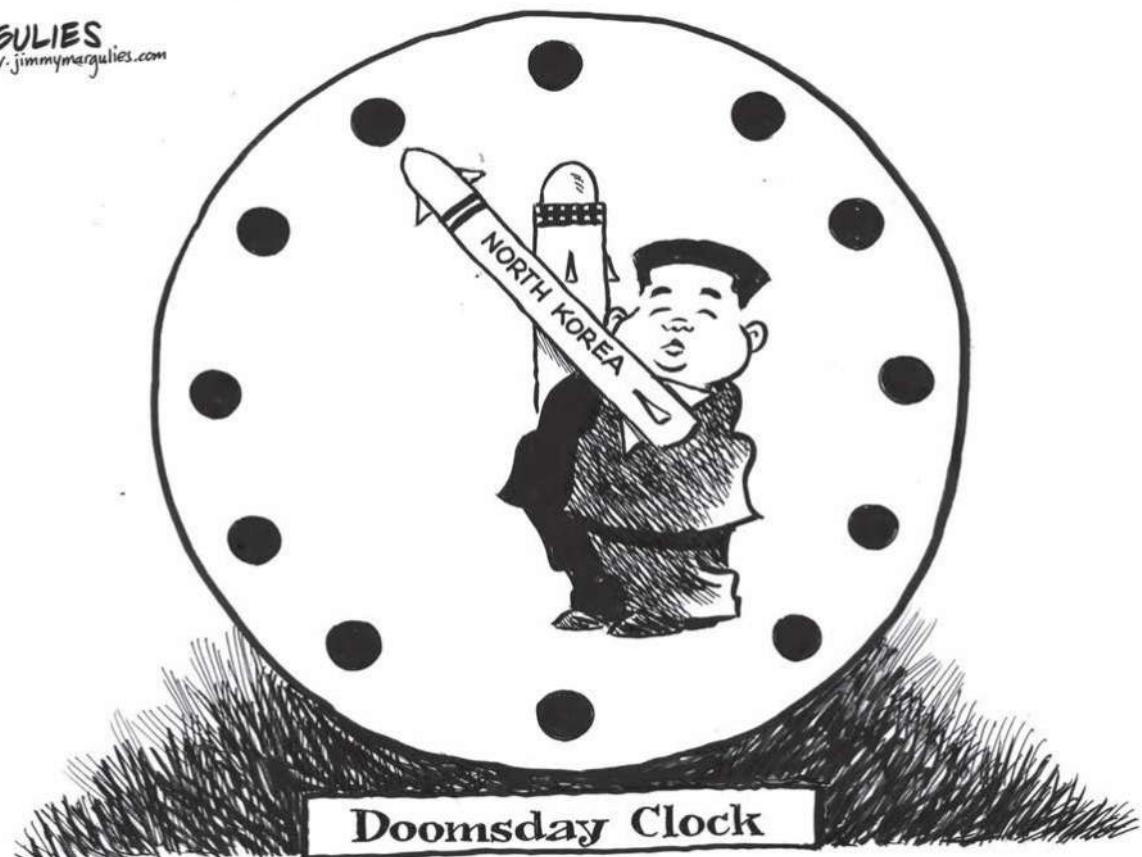
The Democrats need not only a new leader in the House but also a positive program.

"Obstruction doesn't work," Trump recently declared. Actually it works in Washington, as Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell proved during the Barack Obama years. That's the bias of our system. But as for the voters, they are signaling that obstruction is not enough.

Neither is replacing Pelosi.

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Eerie echoes from 1776

Reading the Declaration of Independence is a good exercise for all Americans around this time of year: It reminds us of the bleak political circumstances leading up to the birth of the nation and the values shared by founders. But the 1776 document has never in my lifetime seemed more relevant, prescient or, frankly, foreboding than it does this year. You might think Britain's despotic king were still in charge here.

"He has combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws," the declaration says.

You could apply that foreign jurisdiction quote literally today, to Russia's alleged tampering with our presidential election to secure a win for Donald Trump. His national security adviser, Michael Flynn, would be one of the "others," although the president's attempts to get former FBI director James Comey on board with dropping the Flynn investigation didn't work.

But you could also take "foreign to our constitution" as a metaphor for what should be abhorrent. Doesn't that describe Trump's unilateral temporary ban on refugees or prospective visitors from Muslim countries who have no immediate family here? The declaration actually addresses something similar:

"He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither. ... We have reminded them of the circumstances of our emigration and settlement here."

As court after court found these bans unconstitutional, Trump maligned the judges and pursued appeals until he got one he liked.

The declaration says: "He has obstructed the Administration of Justice by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers."

Trump has tried to overhaul laws protecting the public health, such as the Affordable Care Act, and the environment. He has pulled the United States out of the Paris Climate Treaty to get out of international obligations to reduce climate change. He has vowed to remove restrictions on energy production and emissions.

The founding document said of the king, "He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good."

It also speaks of "a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States."

This president tailors his facts to serve his desired outcome. As the Los Angeles Times put it in an excellent editorial series on the president this spring, "Trump's ascent marks the first time that the culture of alternative reality has made its home at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave."

He dismisses as lies news reports he thinks don't flatter him, whether about the crowd size at his inauguration or about turn-

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ing away from his Mar-A-Lago estate TV host Mika Brzezinski, who makes fun of him. The New York Times, however, disproved that by producing a photo of Brzezinski at the estate.

The president's and his surrogates' fractious relationship with the press is one of the most alarming deviations from standard White House protocol. A free press with access is essential to holding public officials accountable in a functioning democracy. Not only has Trump dubbed the press "enemy," but when his spokespeople do hold press briefings, they often chastise media as dishonest spin agents.

"By undermining trust in news organizations and delegitimizing journalism and muddling the facts so that Americans no longer know who to believe," opined the Los Angeles Times, "he (Trump) can deny and distract and help push his administration's far-fetched storyline."

It is heartening to see some congressional members of Donald Trump's own Republican Party reject the president's latest conduct as, in Sen. Lindsey Graham's words, "beneath the office of the presidency."

But that behavior tends to play well to Trump's base. "He targets the darkness, anger and insecurity that hide in each of us and harnesses them for his own purposes," says the LA Times series. "... If we harbor latent racism or if we fear terror attacks by Muslim extremists, then he elevates a rumor into a public debate."

"He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us," the Declaration of Independence said about the king. The impact of Trump's divisive presidency shows up in unexpected ways among the public, including in stress, panic attacks, insomnia and isolation. According to a USA Today story, this may be sending people to therapy, yoga and meditation in record numbers, the latter to help them recharge and respond. Many are also feasting on political satire.

We are a resilient, creative people and the Constitution gives us the tools to respond without a violent rupture. So now is the time to use our voices and legitimate media to filter fact from fiction and shine a light in places of darkness; our legal resources to challenge what we can in the courts; and our votes to elect representatives who take these shared values seriously.

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Me and my RC

If the world has ended, or if a rogue wave has blown Saipan into Polynesia, I wouldn't even know about it. I've spent the past week unplugged. That's because I plunged into yet another road trip through the Old West. This time around it's pleasure, not business.

Anyway, as is appropriate for the week of July 4, we'll now veer into some Americana. Kindly leave your zoris by the door, please, and pull on some boots.

I'll start by offering a term from the dusty porch of a sleepy roadside market. That's where I am having my morning coffee, such coffee serving as a chaser for a can of soda. Come to think of it, I'll offer two terms today, not just one. Such is the potency of the soda-and-coffee combination.

The first term is "farrier."

That's a profession. A farrier fits horseshoes and tends other tasks in the equine-footing realm. I know this because, here at the road-

side market, I got to talking with a guy who is a full-time farrier. He said that business this time of year is always brisk, of course. I just nodded knowingly.

What I didn't tell him, but I will tell you, is what I actually know about horses. And what I know about horses is absolutely nothing. I have friends who own horses, so over the years I've done a lot of knowing nodding of the know-nothing variety.

Now that we're all caught up on the horse topic it's time for a second term from the lexicon of Americana. That term is "RC Cola."

Up until today I had no idea that they still made the stuff. RC Cola, which competed cheek by jowl with Coke and Pepsi, was my favorite in the 1970s.

RC had a robust advertising presence. Singer Nancy Sinatra, daughter of Frank Sinatra, pitched RC in some ads that were of the groovy 1960s variety.

In the 1970s RC had some country twang in their ads. Many

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Of issues near and far

It's good to read, analyze and critically question issues of interest that may have immediate or future implications in the islands in one form or another. Otherwise, it would be to our detriment if events hit the NMI in stealth fashion where we ask, out of ignorance, what happened? Briefly, here are issues you might find interesting:

Biggy: Japan is building its \$40-billion casino industry and would move on without high rollers. The decision is to protect its pachinko gaming industry. Plus, it has over 26 million wealthy folks who could take home vacations in posh and fully furnished integrated resorts in various areas of the country.

Two issues emerge in mind as Japan prepares to open its casino industry in the next decade: the superb competition it would inflict against the casino here and its effects upon mandating its people to stay home. Japanese are nationalists and would follow constructive policy decisions to support their own industry.

China: For most folks it's just another day in paradise. Personally, behind such contentment lurks the query: what's in our future as China expands her military capabilities in war fighting domain: land, sea, air, outer space, and information space?

"The Chinese are clearly intent upon dominating the Western Pacific in order to secure their own environment," according to Dean Cheng, senior research fellow, Asian Studies, Heritage Foundation. "This will affect not only U.S. allies, but the United States itself."

Would a \$13-billion naval expansion help our country and wouldn't technology compromise such plan? How about more missiles?

PR debt: An average of 14 families lose homes to foreclosure in Puerto Rico every day, more than double the rate a decade ago as the island faces a real-estate crash worse than the one that sparked the Great Recession in the U.S. mainland, according to a recent AP report.

"Families across Puerto Rico are moving in with relatives, becoming homeless or simply fleeing to the U.S. mainland with destroyed credit records as the island's government struggles to restructure a portion of its \$73-billion public debt and help the economy emerge from a decade-long recession.

"It's the crisis no one is talking about," said Ricardo Ramos, a professor at the Legal Assistance Clinic of the University of Puerto Rico. "This has so, so many consequences."

"In this U.S. territory of 3.4 million people, local courts oversaw foreclosures on nearly 33,000 homes from 2009 to 2016, according to government statistics. A record 5,424 homes were foreclosed last year, up 130 percent from nearly a decade ago, when the government first began tracking those numbers." Is the NMI trailing behind?

Salaries: Local Republicans have ensured that salaries remain the same for over 20 years. It couldn't care less how hardworking folks weather increases in the prices of basic goods throughout the period. What sterling performance, keeping a lot of employees drowning in abject poverty!

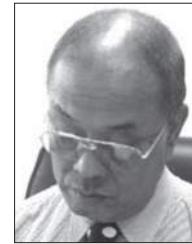
Now a plan is brewing to raise salaries for the government sector. Once more, it conveniently bypasses the needs of employees in private industries.

It's a perennial scheme, rewarding unproductive workers using taxes paid by the more productive sector. It's the politi-

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Special to the *Saipan Tribune*

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cally attractive thing to do to ensure re-election, pandering to voters in the public sector. It's half-cocked plan!

Taxpayers' dime: Former president Barack Hussein Obama has been vacationing in places visited only by the "rich and famous."

"Judicial Watch, the independent organization that tracks government corruption, has cataloged the previous president's penchant for travel. His 2013 vacations cost over \$7 million for that year alone," according to the Conservative Daily Post.

"The total price for repeated trips to Hawaii, China, Europe, and other places around the world while he was in office amounted to just over \$70 million. That number is all that can be tracked through the Freedom of Information Act. It doesn't include security."

Since leaving office, Obama has visited Marlon Brando's private island and Sir Richard Branson's Necker Island that has a price tag of \$80,000 per night. He splurges while 46 million Americans are drowning in the swamp of abject poverty.

Obama's socialistic views inherent under his signature Obamacare aims to ensure that the 73 million folks now under Medicaid would have their medical bills paid fully by taxpayers. What if the number of health payers sees significant reduction? Who then picks up the tab, sir?

It's good intention gone the other way, while you wine and dine in the most expensive destinations as people in abject poverty seek basic medical attention on a program destined for ruination under your signature healthcare program. How about descending to our level so you see what we look like standing shoulder to shoulder?

Disappointing the trust I had in his humble beginning to see that his best bet is to stay the course improving the lot of the destitute. Like my Kanaka bruddahs would ask, "Has he gotten too big for his pants?"

Leadership: Is our country retiring from global leadership? A recent Bloomberg story says it appears China and Germany are moving in to fill the void in what's dubbed as a Trump vacuum at the G-20 meeting.

"The two industrial powerhouses of Asia and Europe are being nudged into an informal alliance to pick up the leadership baton that the U.S. is accused of having dropped since President Donald Trump's inauguration earlier this year," according to diplomats and officials from several Group of 20 members.

The situation has crystallized ahead of this year's annual G20 meeting, which will be held in Germany's busiest commercial port. "That's in part because, for the first time since the group's founding, the U.S. will be represented by a president who embraces protectionism, abandoning decades of American cheer-leading for free trade." It's one tough geopolitical issue!

of the ads had a small-town theme. Those ads were a good reflection of 1970s hometown culture, or at least a good reflection of its idealized depiction. Some of the ads are available on YouTube.

A line from an RC jingle still rings in my ears: "Me and my RC, 'cause what's good enough for other folks ain't good enough for me."

That's a great line that did justice to a great soda, and so much the better that it used one of my favorite words, "ain't," in the process.

The jingle came to mind when I noticed RC Cola in the market this morning. Though I recall liking the soda on its own merits back in the day, I suspect it was the old advertising campaign that tipped me into action and converted my mere recognition of the brand into an actual sale.

That's because recalling those ads also allowed me to relish memories of an idyllic small-town upbringing.

There is, however, one minor problem in my story: I did not have a small-town upbringing. But, hey, those commercials were still fun to think about.

I'll also think about the fact that culture, and depictions of culture, have a way of swapping ends faster than a tin roof in a typhoon. It's easy to lose track of which side is which.

Let's talk shop for a moment. I once saw a slice of a marketing campaign that targeted retirees. The company populated its list of leads by asking people to submit brief comments about their best memories. Judging from the comments that I saw, a large number of those memories were memories of various TV shows. Many other memories were centered on celebrities and sports teams. Overall, I'd say that roughly half of those prime memories were rooted in media or entertainment, at least if we take the broadest sense of the terms. These were the markers by which people took measure of the past, including, one can assume, their own pasts.

The culture was, in other words, interwoven with its own depictions.

This demographic, the retired set, was well into adulthood before the Web was ubiquitous. It had far less saturation in electronic media than most people have nowadays. I'll let you connect the dots if you want to ponder this further.

As for me, I can't sit on the stoop of this roadside market any longer. I've still got 620 miles to drive. The skies are clear. The craggy mountains offer a stark, dry beauty, and my pickup truck kicks up some dust as I pull out of the parking lot. This scene has a true Western texture to it; in fact, it's almost as real as a commercial.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Public apology

My name is Rose Mondala and I am writing to convey my utmost apology for the offense I have committed against the Commonwealth government and in particular against the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island and the Office of Aging.

Inasmuch as I would like to convey my deepest regret for my offense, I am not a lettered individual with the ability to express my sentiments with much eloquence, but I am deeply sorry for the trespasses I've made against all the people of the Commonwealth, as well as the Office of Aging, and I pledge that I shall always remain a better person and shall correct any and all I've made, as eloquently stated by our late President Kennedy, "A mistake is not a mistake unless it fails to be corrected."

My dear people of the Commonwealth and Office of Aging, my sincerest apology to all.

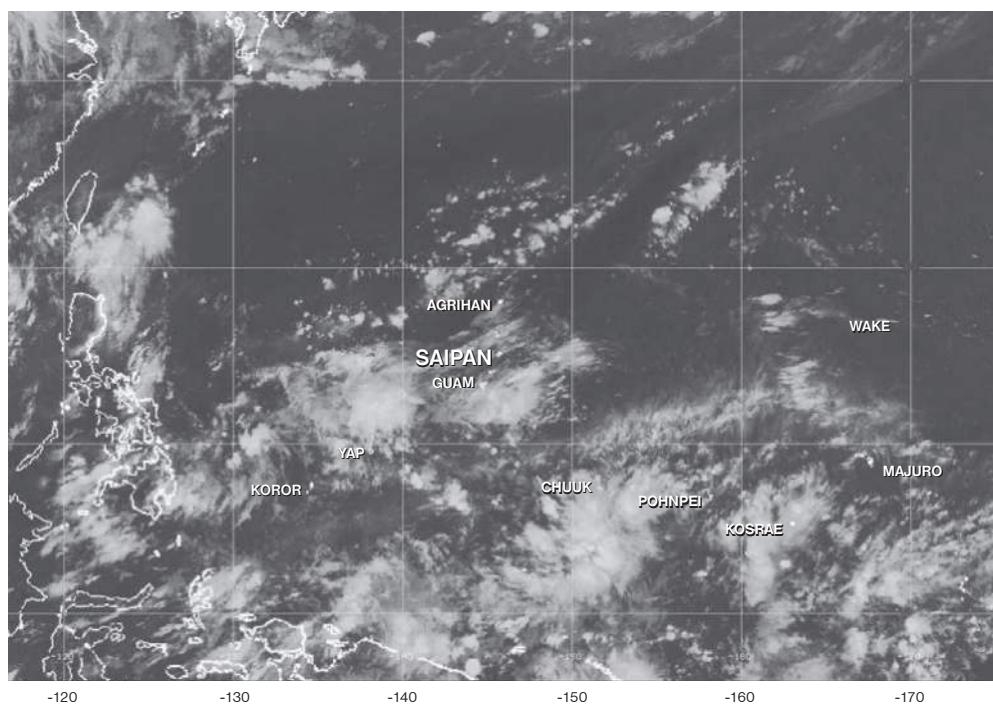
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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:27 AM, THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Have adjusted the forecast for today to remove any thunderstorms this afternoon as drier air aloft traverses the region. But isolated thunderstorms are still forecast for tonight through Saturday as moisture returns and sufficient upper-level dynamic support remains across the Marianas. Moderate trades and 4-6 ft seas will diminish to gentle and 3-4 ft by Friday night.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲	▼	°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86°	/	79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	86°	/	76°
Yap	Thunderstorms	86°	/	78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86°	/	78°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	84°	/	77°
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	84°	/	77°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84°	/	79°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲	▼	°F
Auckland	Showers	61°	/	50°
Beijing	Sunny	95°	/	75°
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	86°	/	82°
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	86°	/	74°
London	Mostly Sunny	82°	/	61°
Los Angeles	Sunny	90°	/	72°
Manila	Thunderstorms	90°	/	79°
Melbourne	Showers	55°	/	43°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86°	/	80°
New York	Thunderstorms	84°	/	72°
Osaka	Rain	82°	/	75°
Paris	Sunny	88°	/	64°
Busan	Thunderstorms	81°	/	73°
Rome	Sunny	97°	/	70°
Salem	Thunderstorms	90°	/	73°
San Francisco	Sunny	64°	/	51°
Seoul	Thunderstorms	81°	/	73°
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	84°	/	73°
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	86°	/	74°



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12:28 AM	LOW TIDE	1.16
5:32 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.82
1:01 PM	LOW TIDE	-0.15
7:59 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.73

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Saturday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	5:53 AM	6:51 PM
Tuesday	5:53 AM	6:51 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	4:07 AM	5:14 PM
Saturday	-	4:53 AM	6:03 PM
Sunday	-	5:41 AM	6:51 PM
Monday	-	6:31 AM	7:38 PM
Tuesday	-	7:21 AM	8:24 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394 4:15am 5:05am Daily				UA6393 2:45am 3:35am Daily			
UA6392 8:40am 9:30am Daily				UA6395 7:15am 8:05am Daily			
UA6391 1:30pm 3:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota				UA6391 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7			
UA6390 2:20pm 3:10pm 2, 3, 6				UA6390 12:10pm 1:50pm 2, 3, 6 via Rota			
UA6398 6:05pm 6:55pm Daily				UA6397 4:45pm 5:35pm Daily			
UA6396 9:50pm 10:40pm Daily				UA6399 8:30pm 9:20pm Daily			
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391 1:30pm 2:05pm 1, 4, 5, 7				UA6390 12:10pm 12:45pm 2, 3, 6			
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391 2:35pm 3:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7				UA6390 1:15pm 1:50pm 2, 3, 6			
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308 1:35am 5:20am 2, 3, 4				7C3402 9:30am 3:00pm Daily			
OZ626 2:20am 6:00am 1				ZE581 10:10am 3:55pm Daily			
TW308 2:35am 6:20am 6, 7				TW307 7:05pm 12:35am+1 1, 2, 3			
OZ626 2:50am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7				OZ625 7:40pm 1:10am+1 7			
7C3403 4:45am 8:30am Daily				TW307 8:05pm 1:35am+1 5, 6			
UJ652 4:45am 8:35am 1, 4, 5, 7				OZ625 8:15pm 1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6			
7C3401 4:00pm 7:45pm Daily				7C3404 10:10pm 3:40am+1 Daily			
ZE582 4:45pm 8:35pm Daily				UJ651 10:00pm 3:30am+1 3, 4, 6, 7			
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			

Aqua Resort marks 28 with flurry of promos



The Aqua Resort Club team.

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REPORTER

Aqua Resort Club, one of the landmark hotels in the CNMI, is celebrating 28 years of service.

Gloria Cavanagh, who chairs the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, congratulated Aqua Resort Club for the milestone.

"We celebrate milestones for each of our members. We wish Aqua Resort Club Saipan a happy 28th an-

niversary. They have consistently been a contributor to our government and our community. We look forward to their continued efforts. Congratulations."

To celebrate the special occasion, Aqua Resort Club will host an

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In August, Aqua Resort Club's Cajun Seafeast will be happening every Tuesday and Thursday at the sunset beach deck.

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Aqua Resort Club's themed lunch buffet is on every Monday to Saturday.

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anniversary party today, July 7, 2017, from 6pm to 10pm at the Vino Bar.

For only \$28, guests can enjoy free-flowing Saipan craft beers, select cocktails, and house wines. Fill your tummies with your favorite appetizers while dancing the night away with live music by Chris Boomer, Marvin Deleon Guerrero, Thomas Basa Jr, and Pete Aldan.

The fun never stops because Aqua Resort Club's themed lunch buffet is on every Monday to Saturday, from 11am to 2pm, at the Costa Terrace Restaurant. Customers will enjoy 28-percent discount (off of the published price of \$22), bringing the cost down to \$15.84 per

person. Promo period runs from July 1 to 31, 2017.

Relax every Thursday for the whole month of July as Aqua Resort Club invites you to its Tiempo del Vino at the Vino Bar, from 5:30pm to 8pm. Free-flowing premium wines from Spain, Chile, and California await you plus a choice of authentic Spanish tapas. Dance to live music and entertainment and throw your cares away—all for only \$30.

Whatever the reason for celebration is, let Aqua Resort Club handle it for you with its summer celebration special. Book your private banquet function at the Rariana Room, Rey Lounge, or Taga Room for only \$32 per person. Events must be booked two weeks

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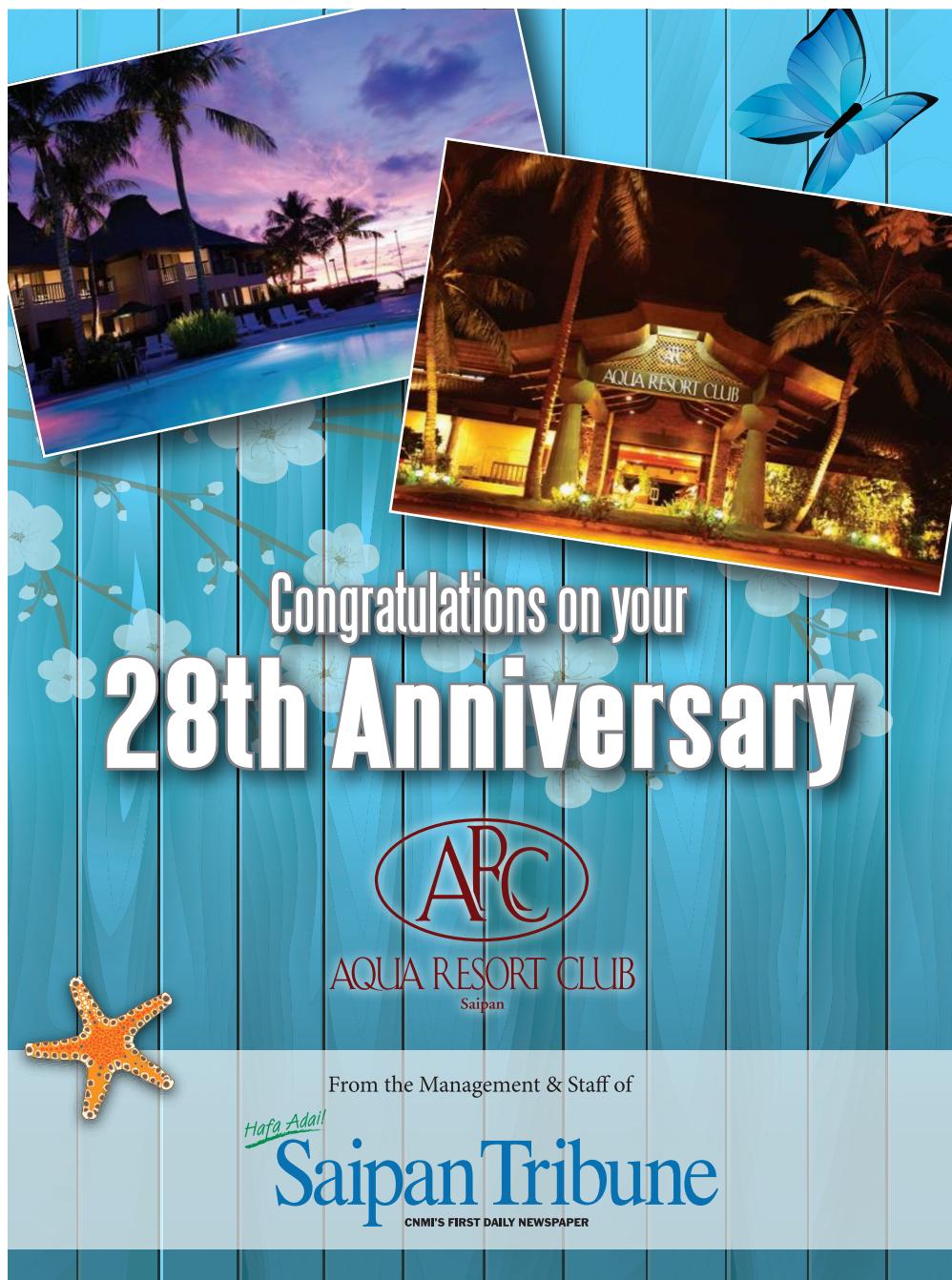
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in advance for a minimum of 50 persons and maximum of 200 persons. The price includes a private buffet, room rental fee, photo booth (two hour), a half-sheet cake, and one night stay at ARC for the celebrant.

In August, the Cajun Seafeast will be happening every Tuesday and Thursday at the sunset beach deck from 6pm to 10pm, with combo specials for two adults that range in price from \$65 to \$95. Each special comes with a mixed bucket of Budweiser line of beers: BudLight, BudLight Lime, Budweiser, or BudLight Platinum.

Happy birthday, Aqua Resort Club!

Photo shows an Aqua Resort Club suite.

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Club C turns 3

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REPORTER

Club C, the leader in e-gaming in the CNMI, is celebrating its third anniversary today with lots of promos and exciting raffles.

Club C offers a variety of slot machines that players can choose from, while its multi-game machines like Baccarat, Blackjack, Roulette,

and Sic Bo features the ability to play up to four games simultaneously.

Club C has a special promo on their anniversary night, called the Deal Challenger, similar to the Deal or No Deal television show. This is open to Club C's VIP players and the game will begin at 12am onwards. Exciting prizes await the lucky winners.

Club C's regular raffle is on-

going at different times: 9pm, 10pm, 11pm and 12am every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This is open to players in the casino that need to earn points to get raffle tickets. The more players' play, the more points they earn and raffle tickets they get.

Winner(s) in the 9pm raffle gets the chance to play Craps Two Dice and get vouchers worth \$50 and up. Winner(s) in the 10pm raffle gets the chance to play Wheel of Champions and get vouchers worth \$50 and up. Winner(s)



in the 11pm raffle gets to play Lucky Dice and get vouchers worth \$50 and up. Winner(s) in the 12am raffle gets the chance to play Lucky Dice and get vouchers worth \$50 and up.

Every Wednesday and Sunday, Club C has the "Players Night" event. Players get free appetizers from 8:30pm to 9:30pm.

Club C is also well-known for its Chinese, Filipino, and international dishes prepared by in-house chefs.

Club C always offers Beer Buckets. Beer buckets in bottles composed of one brand

or mixed are available for only \$20, with free appetizer. Beer buckets in cans composed of one brand or mixed cost only \$16 and also comes with free appetizer.

For music lovers, enjoy a variety of live music and bands nightly from the U.S. and Asia. Club C also offers a karaoke room; just spend a minimum of \$10 for each person, consumable.

Club C members who bring in a new member who is able to earn a minimum of 12,000 Club C cumulative points within three months will be rewarded from mini-

mum \$250 cash to \$300 cash for VIP or \$400 worth of non-negotiable credits. The higher points earned, the greater the reward. Terms and conditions apply.

Club C is located at the Kanoa Resort Saipan in Susupe. It is open Monday to Saturday from 12pm to 4am and Sunday to Thursday from 5:15pm to 4am. They are open for lunch every Friday and Saturday.

For more information about their promos and raffles, call F&B manager Anita Go at 234-0088 Ext.110 or check its Facebook page, "Club C."



Congratulations on your 3rd Anniversary!

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AFTER RESPONDING TO HOME FIRES THIS YEAR

Red Cross urges public to take safety steps

The American Red Cross NMI Chapter has responded to several home fires this year—in Garapan, Chalan Kanoa, and most recently, in Puerto Rico on July 4, 2017.

The Red Cross provided clients with their immediate emergency needs for food, clothing and shelter for clients who needed it.

"We're deeply saddened for those who were impacted by these fires," said J.D. Tenorio, Emergency Services director of the NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross. "As we continue to help them, we urge everyone to take steps to minimize the risk of a fire occurring in their home."

Home Fire Campaign

Seven times a day someone in this country dies in a fire. The Red Cross has been working to reduce that number through its Home Fire Campaign, a multi-year effort to reduce the number of home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent. Launched in October 2014, the campaign has already saved many lives and installed hundreds of thousands of smoke alarms in nearly 10,000 cities and towns.

Here in the CNMI, the Red Cross has installed 317 smoke

alarms throughout Saipan, Tinian, and Rota since October of 2017. The Red Cross will continue its efforts throughout this year, visiting neighborhoods and installing more smoke alarms on all three islands.

Simple steps to save lives

The Red Cross is calling on everyone to take two simple steps that can save lives: practice fire drills at home and check existing smoke alarms.

There are several things families and individuals can do to increase their chances of surviving a fire:

- If someone doesn't have smoke alarms, install them. At a minimum, put one on every level of the home, inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Local building codes vary and there may be additional requirements where someone lives.

- If someone does have alarms, test them today. If they don't work, replace them.

- Make sure that everyone in the family knows how to get out of every room and how to get out of the home in less than two minutes.

- Practice the fire escape plan. What's the household's escape time?

Red Cross apps

People can download the all-inclusive Red Cross Emergency app, which combines more than 35 emergency alerts to help keep the user safe. And there is a special mobile app—Monster Guard—designed for children, teaching them to prepare for emergencies at home by playing an engaging game. Users can find the apps in smartphone app stores by searching for the American Red Cross or going to redcross.org/apps.

What people can do

People can visit redcross.org/homefires to find out more about how to protect themselves and their loved homes from fire. They can become a Red Cross volunteer by contacting the local chapter office at 670-234-3459 or by visiting our website at www.redcross.org/nmi. They can also help by donating to Red Cross Disaster Relief by visiting redcross.org. Donations to Disaster Relief will be used to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters big and small. We respond to nearly 64,000 other disasters every year and most of these are home fires. (PR)

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Business

US is ready to use force in NKorea but prefers trade clout

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The United States vowed Wednesday to use military force to defend the country and its allies against a North Korean intercontinental ballistic missile if necessary, but

said it prefers to use its clout in international trade to address the growing threat.

In a hard-hitting speech at an emergency meeting of the U.N. Security Council following Pyongyang's suc-

cessful launch of an ICBM, U.S. Ambassador Nikki Haley said that "the world has become a more dangerous place" and China has a key role in promoting peace. China is responsible for 90

percent of trade with North Korea and Haley warned that Beijing risks its massive trade with the United States if its business dealings with Pyongyang violate U.N. sanctions.

She said the United States

doesn't seek conflict—"in fact we seek to avoid it." But she said the launch of an ICBM "is a clear and sharp military escalation" and the U.S. is prepared to use its "considerable military forces" to defend itself and its allies "if we must."

But Haley said the Trump administration prefers "not

to go in that direction" but to use its "great capabilities in the area of trade" to address "those who threaten us and ... those who supply the threats."

Haley said she had a long conversation Wednesday morning with President Donald Trump about U.S. clout when it comes to trade.

Ukraine says it foiled 2nd cyberattack after police raid

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—Ukraine has dodged a second cyberattack, officials said Wednesday, suggesting that the digital campaign which paralyzed computers across the country and around the world is ongoing.

Ukraine is still trying to find

its feet after scores or even hundreds of businesses and government agencies were hit by an explosion of data-scrambling software on June 27. In a Facebook post, Interior Minister Arsen Avakov said there was a second stage to that attack, timed to hit its peak at 4 p.m. in

Ukraine on July 4. Avakov said the second strike—like the first one—originated from servers at the Ukrainian tax software company M.E. Doc, which sheds a little more light on Tuesday's heavily armed raid on M.E. Doc's office and the seizure

of its servers. Video released Wednesday showed men in camouflage carrying assault-style weapons storming the company's modest offices in Kiev as office workers calmly watched them. Police spokeswoman Yulia Kvitko said there were no arrests.

"We prevented the initiation of the second wave of virus-

es," Yaroslav Trakalo, another police spokesman, said in the video released Wednesday. He said investigators have already found "evidence of Russian presence on these servers," although he did not elaborate.

Ukraine has blamed the Kremlin for the attack that sowed chaos. Kremlin officials routinely deny claims

of electronic interference in Ukraine and elsewhere.

The raid on M.E. Doc caps a week of increasingly implausible claims from the company that it was not at the heart of the outbreak. On Wednesday the firm reversed itself, acknowledging that it had been broken into and used by hackers to seed the malware epidemic.



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How to avoid being a victim at the car repair garage

DETROIT (AP)—It's the moment every car owner dreads. The mechanic comes out of the garage to say your ride needs repairs costing hundreds of dollars.

Then two big questions pop into your brain: Are the fixes really needed? Am I being overcharged?

There might not be a way around getting the car fixed, but there are ways to stay in control of the situation. But it takes some work and planning both before and after the big repairs come:

GET TO KNOW A MECHANIC

Establish a relationship and find a repair shop you can trust—or risk big problems. Good old word-of-mouth still is probably the best way to pick a garage, says George Geropoulos, service adviser at Ted's Auto Clinic in northwest Chicago. Ask like-minded friends and neighbors where they go. With or without a recommendation, check online and find shops in your area that have mechanics with Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certification. Also look for AAA certified garages and other training for technicians. Check online reviews. Shops that rely heavily on a particular neighborhood for their customers will take extra care to make sure people are happy.

When you find a garage, take your car in for an oil change and inspection. See if the people seem honest and are willing to take time to explain a problem. "It's like a dating relationship," says Jill Trotta, director of the automotive group at RepairPal.com, an online service that provides price estimates for auto repairs. The oil change is like having coffee with someone. Getting a small repair done is like going to dinner. A major repair can establish a long-term relationship. "If you do your due diligence up front, when something bad goes wrong, you can feel more comfortable," Trotta says.

GETTING TO THE TRUTH

Say the mechanic says that grinding noise in your front end signals your brake pads need to be replaced. How do you know he's telling the truth? Brake pad replacement is almost always accompanied by resurfacing or replacing the rotors, the

round things that brake pads grab onto. That can drive the price up more. A good mechanic will take you into the garage, show you worn-out parts and explain the problems if you ask. If you're not there, ask the shop to send you cellphone pictures of the worn pads and other parts. Make note of exactly what parts are being replaced. If it's an expensive repair and you're still a little skeptical, tell the mechanic you need to wait for your next paycheck to get the repair done, or you're just not ready to do it now. Then get a second opinion, even if the next shop charges you for it, says Ron Montoya, senior consumer advice editor for the Edmunds.com automotive website. A simple Google search also will tell you if the problem the garage pointed out is common for your car, Geropoulos says.

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

Once you've determined that the repair is needed, there are ways to make sure the price is right. There are several websites such as RepairPal that have data on what prices you should be charged. Costs can vary widely across the country, so in addition to make, model and model year, the sites ask for your ZIP Code. RepairPal even has a mobile app for smartphones, so you could do the price check right inside the shop. Some sites give you estimates from several nearby shops.

RepairPal uses the same database garages use to figure out how long a repair should take. The site shows you the hourly labor rate and part cost data that comes from repair garages. It'll give you a price range for what the repair should cost. You can also call another shop or two and ask what they'd normally charge for the same repair on your model. Trotta, whose service makes money by certifying garages and charging them \$199 per month to be a recommended shop on the RepairPal site, says the site calculates a fair price for quality repairs done with quality parts.

The lowest price may not be the best deal. Trotta says some garages will sell inferior, less-expensive parts that won't last as long. "The cheapest thing to do when getting your car repaired is to fix it right the first time," she says.



Mechanic Chris Geropoulos works on car, Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at Ted's Auto Clinic in Chicago. In looking for a mechanic, experts say it's a good idea to establish a relationship and find a repair shop you can trust, or you may risk big problems. Good old word-of-mouth still is probably the best way to pick a garage, says George Geropoulos, service adviser at Ted's Auto Clinic in northwest Chicago.

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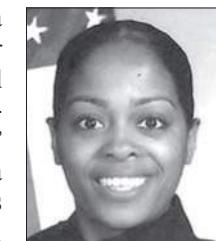
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Police look into what prompted deadly ambush of officer

NEW YORK (AP)—At the start of her midnight shift, Officer Miosotis Familia was in a New York Police Department mobile command post, writing in her notebook, when a gunman strode toward her.

She never saw Alexander Bonds coming before he shot her in the head through the passenger-side window, killing her before officers ultimately killed him, police said.

Police are investigating what may have prompted Wednesday's shooting, which Police Commissioner James O'Neill described as an officer being "assassinated in an unprovoked attack on cops."



"Officer Familia was murdered for her uniform and for the responsibility she embraced," O'Neill said in a message to officers Wednesday night. "For the NYPD, regularly achieving

lower and lower crime figures means absolutely nothing when one of our own is brutally shot and killed."

A 12-year NYPD veteran, the 48-year-old Familia had come to police work later in life than most on a force where the average recruit is 26. She had been a nurse and medi-

cal assistant first, according to her profile on the career site LinkedIn. A mother of three who lived with her own mother in the Bronx, she felt a calling to help her community, friends said.

"She'd give you the shirt off her back," said Tom Ritter, 59, a plumber who lived downstairs from Familia and said she treated his now-22-year-old son like one of her own children.

"She was the sweetest person you ever want to meet," Ritter said.

Familia worked her entire police career in the Bronx precinct where she was killed while staffing the RV-like command post, stationed to help combat rising crime in the neighborhood after a triple shooting in March.

Her policing earned praise even from a woman whose husband she had arrested.

"She gave me good advice, like a mother to a daughter," said Keisha Williams, 31, who said her husband was arrested on a marijuana charge last

year. "She's good, but she's a tough cookie. She's a good cop. I'm just sad it was her."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions called the shooting "the latest in a troubling series of attacks on police officers over the past two years."

Gunman kills 3, wounds 4th before being shot dead by police

MADISON, Maine (AP)—A gunman shot and killed his partner, their adult son and a neighbor and wounded a fourth person before being fatally shot by deputies early Wednesday, leaving detectives at a loss to explain the outburst of violence, an official said.

Three deputies ended the rampage by shooting 51-year-old Carroll Tuttle in a confrontation in his driveway, said Steve McCausland, a spokesman for the Maine Department of Public Safety.

Detectives are now focused on determining what sparked "an extreme case of domestic violence," McCausland said.

"Our role now is to investigate exactly what happened and what set this gunman off," he said. "We don't have that answer. We hope to get it."

The shootings unfolded just hours after a neighbor said there had been a party with Fourth of July fireworks.

Deputies responding to an emergency call discovered the bodies and were present when Tuttle returned with a handgun, McCausland said.

Tuttle had killed his partner, 52-year-old Lori Hayden, and their son, 25-year-old Dustin Tuttle, at their home before killing a neighbor, 57-year-old Michael Spaulding, at his home a short distance away, McCausland said.

The gunman returned to the original location and wounded another relative before being shot and killed by deputies.

The attorney general's office sent investigators to the scene to review the use of deadly force by sheriff's deputies.

But Somerset County Sheriff Dale Lancaster stood behind the actions of his law enforcement officers to end the shooting.

"I have total confidence in the performance of my deputies," he said.

The couple lived in a trailer, and there also was a camper where other family members were living on the property, said a neighbor, Wayne Parlin. There had been a party on the Fourth of July with fireworks on the property, he said.

Lori Hayden was the daughter of Skowhegan selectwoman Darla Pickett and the sister of Skowhegan's finance and human resources director, Trisha Austin, the Morning Sentinel newspaper reported. Both declined to speak to The Associated Press.



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Bidders are to submit one original and two copies of their bid which shall be sealed in an envelope and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Passenger Loading Bridges Replacement for the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Saipan, CNMI, AIP No. 3-69-0002-87" and submitted no later than **2:00 p.m., Friday, JULY 21, 2017**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of, but is not limited to removal and replacement of three existing passenger boarding bridges at Gates 2, 3, and 6 at the Saipan International Airport with new apron-drive bridges including all associated work, all in accordance with the Project Drawings and Specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the Commonwealth Ports Authority and the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project in its entirety shall be **FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY (580) calendar days if awarded all three bridges**. Duration may adjust based on funding availability which will determine number of bridges to be replaced.

Liquidated damages in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000.00) Dollars** shall be assessed the Contractor for each calendar day that the completion of the Project is delayed beyond beyond the contract completion date without approved excuse.

The apparent low bidder will be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

A CD-ROM containing the Bid Proposal and Contract Documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00)** for each set of plans and documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. The payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the "Commonwealth Ports Authority".

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **10:00 AM, FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017**, at the Saipan Airport Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid meeting. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the bid opening date.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter of the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by a US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

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NMHC is responsible for complying with all changes in program regulations pertaining to the HCVP. NMHC has made proposed amendments to the Section 8 Administrative Plan for Rental Assistance Programs to address NMHC's overall management of its tenant accounts receivables by incorporating Section 18, which contains proposed accounts receivables policies and procedures.

NMHC will conduct a public hearing to solicit comments from the public on July 24, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at the following locations; in addition, copies of the draft Section 8 Administrative Plan for Rental Assistance Programs Amendments under the HCVP are also available at the following locations identified below and on our website at www.nmhcgov.net.

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Interested persons wishing to express their views on the draft amendments may do so either by attending the public hearing or by submitting comments to NMHC by 4:30 p.m. on July 24, 2017.

For more information on this program, please contact NMHC at 234-6866/7670/7689/9447.

/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS
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Oregon approves measure requiring insurers to cover abortion

SALEM, Ore. (AP)—Insurance companies in Oregon would be required to cover abortions and other reproductive services at no cost to the patient regardless of income, citizenship status or gender identity under a measure approved Wednesday by lawmakers.

Oregon already has some of the most liberal abortion laws in the U.S., leaving out otherwise common requirements

for waiting periods or spending limits on taxpayer funds.

The measure, which does offer some religious-based exemptions, comes as the federal government and other states are seeking restrictions on abortion services.

President Donald Trump earlier this year signed legislation allowing states to withhold federal family planning funds from Planned Parenthood and

other abortion providers. In May, the Texas Legislature approved a sweeping package of new abortion limits.

Oregon's legislation has been in the making for years but was introduced in early March largely in response to Republican congressional leaders' earliest attempts to repeal former President Barack Obama's health care law, which includes mini-

mum coverage requirements for birth control and other reproductive services.

The Democratic-controlled Oregon Senate approved the measure in a 17-13 vote along party lines. It now heads to Democratic Gov. Kate Brown.

In some states such as New York, abortions are cost-free if they're deemed medically necessary. The Oregon bill is unique, however, in that

patients would have access to the procedure for virtually any reason, at any time, including sex-selective and late-term abortions.

The bill would also allocate almost \$500,000 over the next two years to expand cost-free reproductive health coverage, including abortions, to immigrants who are otherwise ineligible under the Oregon Health Plan—the state's Med-

icaid program that currently spends nearly \$2 million a year to pay for roughly 3,500 abortions statewide.

"Unintended pregnancies can perpetuate cycles of poverty, and we can help stop it. It is a woman's right to choose when and if she is ready in her life to have a child," said Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, a Democrat who is also a public health nurse.

Prosecutors: Kidnapping suspect marched in victim's vigil

CHICAGO (AP)—The suspect in the kidnapping of a University of Illinois scholar from China marched in a vigil for the victim a day before his arrest last week, federal prosecutors said Wednesday, adding that he also spoke about what

makes an ideal victim and talked about how she fought and resisted.

The new details surrounding 26-year-old Yingying Zhang's June 9 disappearance arose at a detention hearing for Brendt Christensen in U.S. District

Court in Urbana, not far from the central Illinois school, a statement from the U.S. attorney's office in Springfield said.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Eric Long ordered that Christensen, 28, remain jailed pending trial. Long said the recent gradu-

ate student at the university's physics department poses a danger to the community and is a flight risk.

Last Thursday, which was the day before Christensen was arrested, hundreds of people gathered on campus and walked to a street where Zhang was last seen. Prosecu-

tors say Christensen was in the vigil group. Zhang's father, a factory driver who traveled to Illinois from China for the search, also attended.

Prosecutors haven't explained who Christensen spoke to about abducting Zhang, including whether someone close to him secretly recorded him.

They divulged the details at Wednesday's hearing to back their contention that Christensen is too dangerous to release.

The U.S. attorney's office statement said Christensen "made a threat to another person to whom he made incriminating statements." The statement didn't elaborate.



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Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, requires the removal and replacement of all airfield markings and other miscellaneous work in accordance with the plans and specifications and in compliance with FAA's Advisory Circular No. 150/5340-1L.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within **ninety (90)** calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for **one hundred twenty (120)** calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.2 (Contract Time)** of the General Project Requirement of the Technical Specifications. Liquidated damages shall be in accordance with **Item G-100-3.4 (Liquidated Damages)** of the General Project Requirements. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Rota Ports Manager's Office at **10:00 AM, Monday, July 3, 2017** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the bid opening conference.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

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One original and three copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of installation of airfield pavement markings, including but not limited to numbers, markings, and stripes on the surface of runways, taxiways, and aprons, in accordance with these specifications and at the locations shown on the plans, or as directed by the Engineer.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and Commonwealth Ports Authority. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within ninety (90) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be **180 CALENDAR DAYS**. Liquidated damages in the amount of **THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)** per day shall be assessed the contractor if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the Tinian International Airport at **10:00 a.m., FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2017** to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will be followed by the pre-bid conference. All prospective bidders shall be required to attend.

Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, seven (7) days prior to the date designated above for the bid opening.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are required to use the bid schedule form on the CD-Rom. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the procurement contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the **DEPARTMENT OF THE FEDERAL LABOR WAGE RATE DETERMINATION** is included in SECTION GP 70-25 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Government-wide Debarment and Suspension and Government-wide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director

Date: June 7, 2017

Asia

China demands India leave Himalayan plateau in rising spat

BEIJING (AP)—China has insisted India withdraw its troops from a disputed Himalayan plateau before talks can take place to settle the most protracted standoff in recent years between the nuclear-armed neighbors, who fought a bloody frontier war 55 years ago.

India must pull back its troops “as soon as possible” as a precondition to demonstrate sincerity, foreign ministry spokesman

Geng Shuang told reporters at a daily news briefing.

His comments came after weeks of saber-rattling in New Delhi and Beijing, as officials from both sides talk up a potential clash even bloodier than their 1962 war that left thousands dead.

The standoff could spill over into the G-20 summit in Germany later this week where Chinese President Xi Jinping and

his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi are expected to meet at a gathering of leaders from five emerging economies on the sidelines of the main event.

The monthlong standoff and unconfirmed reports of troop buildups on both sides of the border have also underscored the swiftly deteriorating relations between the two Asian rivals headed by assertive leaders with a nationalist bent.

China complained bitterly when Tibet’s spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, who lives in exile in India, visited the contested Arunachal Pradesh region in April, which India said amounted to interference in its internal affairs.

China also appeared frustrated that India has refused to join its continent-wide “One Belt, One Road” infrastructure initiative, which includes a key component in Pakistan—India’s archrival but one of China’s staunchest allies. Meanwhile, India has fumed

about China using its position at the United Nations to effectively stymie India’s efforts to gain permanent membership in the Security Council or label the Pakistani militant Masood Azhar a terrorist.

Despite a litany of grievances on both sides, frequent clashes on the 3,500-kilometer (2,174-mile) shared border have been the most prominent irritant in efforts to build stable bilateral ties, said Zhang Li, an expert on China-India relations at Sichuan University.

“The border clashes show how fragile and volatile the relationship can be,” Zhang said, noting that the latest flare-up took place in an area relatively free of past trouble and not previously contested.

The dispute flared in June after Chinese teams began building a road on territory also claimed by Bhutan. Although China and Bhutan have been negotiating the precise border for decades with

out serious incident, the tiny Himalayan kingdom sought help this time from its long-time ally, India, which sent troops onto the plateau to stop the Chinese workers.

Since then, videos have emerged of Indian and Chinese soldiers blocking each other with their arms and physically jostling without coming to blows.

Incensed with India’s involvement, China retaliated by closing a nearby mountain pass that Indian pilgrims use to reach Mount Kailash, a sacred Hindu and Buddhist site in Tibet. China’s foreign ministry also presented to reporters historical documents that it says prove China’s claims to the plateau.

That hasn’t stopped the two-way sniping. After Chinese officials said India should learn “historic lessons” from its humiliating defeat in the 1962 war, Indian Defense Minister Arun Jaitley responded that

“India in 2017 is different from India in 1962,” in a reference to its improved military strength.

While Indian media have issued shrill warnings about Chinese expansionism, Chinese state media have also ramped up their bellicose rhetoric, with the nationalist tabloid Global Times warning Wednesday that Beijing would make no concessions.

Zhang, the Sichuan University professor, acknowledged the unusually tough talk from both sides but said the conduct of the two militaries and foreign ministries has been relatively restrained and “within normal bounds.”

Abhijnan Rej, a fellow at the Observer Research Foundation, a New Delhi-based think tank, said India needed to “show resolve” as China tries to pry away its traditional allies like Bhutan and assert itself as the region’s leader.



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

Opening Date: 07/07/17 Closing Date: 07/21/17*

JVA#17-010:
Annual Salary:
Location:

Trades Technician I

\$18,329.33

Marianas Visitors Authority, Tinian

JVA#17-011:
Annual Salary:
Location:

Marketing Specialist I

\$23,394.03

Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

JVA#17-012:
Annual Salary:
Location:

Accountant II

\$25,791.92

Marianas Visitors Authority, Saipan

*If not filled, the vacancy announcement will be continued and applications will be reviewed every two weeks thereafter until the search is closed. Deadlines that fall on a non-business day will be extended to the next business day.

Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01 for more detailed information on position description. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents for consideration until search is closed. A resume may be attached, but the application form must be filled out in full. MVA is an equal opportunity employer.

JUDICIARY Northern Mariana Islands

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 17-JUDICIARY-03

Submission Date: July 13, 3:00 P.M.

Mold Assessment and Eradication Services for the Guma Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewee, House of Justice

The Commonwealth Judicial Branch (“Judiciary” or “Judicial Branch”) has been awarded an infrastructure maintenance grant in the maximum amount of \$25,000, and is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors to provide certain mold assessment and eradication design services for the Judiciary with respect to its Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewee/House of Justice, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Firms or individuals submitting proposals must have a valid CNMI business license and be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on **June 7, 2017** at the Cashier’s Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held on **June 29th at 10:30 a.m., local time** at the **Guma Hustisia Law Revision Commission-Law Library**. Questions or inquiries can be directed to Mr. Gerald Weaver, Building Superintendent, by email to Gerald.Weaver@justice.gov.mp before the pre-proposal meeting, in person at the pre-proposal meeting, or by email on or before June 30th at 5:00 p.m. local time.

Sealed proposals must be marked **RFP17-JUDICIARY-03** and submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies at the Cashier’s Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan no later than **July 13, 2017, 3:00 p.m., local time**. Firms or individuals submitting proposals from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Budget and Finance Director no later than **July 13, 2017, 3:00 p.m., local time**. Notices of Intent may be faxed to (670) 236-9797 or emailed to John.Villagomez@justice.gov.mp. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **July 13, 2017**, AND the proposal must be received at the Office of the Budget and Finance Director no later than **July 24, 2017, close of business**.

The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Government. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Government and will not be returned to the proposer.

**/S/ ALEXANDRO C. CASTRO
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**/S/ JOHN T. VILLAGOMEZ
BUDGET AND FINANCE DIRECTOR**

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP-17-CHCC/WIC-18

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 14, 2017 **TIME:** 11:00AM
RFP OPENING DATE: July 14, 2017 **TIME:** 1:00 PM

**“JANITORIAL CLEANING SERVICES
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC).
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION”**

COPIES OF THE RFP PACKET MAY BE PICKED – UP AT CHCC PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY DIVISION-MEDICAL SUPPLY STORAGE FACILITY LOWER BASE SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

THE CHCC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE ANY IMPERFECTIONS IN ANY PROPOSAL, IF TO DO SO SHALL BE IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHCC. ALL PROPOSALS SHALL BECOME THE EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.

*/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER*

*/S/ PRISCILLA M. IAKOPO
CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S*

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP-17- CHCC/WIC-19

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 14, 2017 **TIME:** 11:00AM
RFP OPENING DATE: July 14, 2017 **TIME:** 2:00 PM

**TWO (2) MULTI-FUNCTION COPIER EQUIPMENTS
WOMEN, INFANTS, & CHILDREN (WIC).
COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION”**

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*/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER*

*/S/ PRISCILLA M. IAKOPO
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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 04-2017

Opening date: July 5, 2017 Closing date: July 25, 2017

Positions: (1) Tinian Ports Manager (Tinian)
(1) Accountant-I (Saipan)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more than six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport or CPA Administration Office West Tinian International Airport. Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10 year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs. The deadline for submission of applications and required documents to the CPA Administration Office (Saipan) or at the West Tinian International Airport is no later than **5:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, 2017**.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except on holidays, at the CPA’s Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal or at the CPA Admin. Office at the West Tinian International Airport. For additional information, please contact the CPA Human Resources Office by email at cpa.personnel@pticom.com or by phone at (670) 237-6500.

CPA is an Equal Opportunity Employer and CPA hires those who are legally entitled to employment in the CNMI.

**CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO
Executive Director**

MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority hereby gives notice that a **Regular Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** in the MVA Conference Room, San Jose Professional Building Saipan, MP 96950.

MEETING AGENDA

- Preliminary Matters**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes
 - Regular Board Meeting – June 6, 2017
- Public Comments**
- Committee Reports**
 - Finance –
 - Fund Status Report
- New Business**
 - Garapan Heritage Trail
 - Tour Guide Certification Rules and Regulations
- Old Business**
 - Destination Enhancement Projects –
 - 500 Sails Update
 - Destination Enhancement Procurement Regulations
- Miscellaneous/Announcements**
- Executive Session**
- Adjournment**

*/S/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
Chair, MVA Board of Directors*

Analysis: Despite test, N. Korean ICBM likely years away

TOKYO (AP)—Despite North Korea's claim its intercontinental ballistic missile launch shows it can attack targets anywhere it wants, experts say it will probably be years before it could use such a weapon in a real-world scenario.

The test on Tuesday demonstrated the North is closer than ever before to reaching its final goal of developing a credible nuclear deterrent to what it sees as the hostile policy of its archenemies in Washington.

But even for an experienced superpower, getting an ICBM to work reliably can take a decade.

Launching a missile under test conditions is relatively easy. It can be planned and prepared for and carried out whenever everything is ready, which makes success more likely. The real game-changer would come when the missile is considered operational under any conditions—in other words, when it is credible for use as a weapon.

For sure, the North's Fourth of July fireworks were a major success.

Initial analyses indicate its new "Hwasong 14" could be capable of reaching most of Alaska or possibly Hawaii if fired in an attacking trajectory. It was instead shot at a very steep angle, a technique called lofting, and reached a height of more than 2,500 kilometers (1,550 miles) before splashing down in the Pacific Ocean 930 kilometers (580 miles) away.

Hwasong means "Mars."

"If a vague threat is enough for them, they could wait for another successful launch and declare operational deployment after that, and half the world will believe them," said Markus Schiller, a leading expert on North Korea's missile capabilities who is based in Germany. "But if they take it seriously, as the U.S. or Russia do, it would take at least a dozen more launches and perhaps 10 years. Mind you, this is their first ICBM."

Schiller noted the example of Russia's latest submarine-launched missile, the Bulava.

"They really have a lot experience in that field, but from first launch to service it took them almost 10 years (2004 to 2013)," he wrote in an email to The Associated Press. "They still have troubles—one of their test launches just failed."

The bar for having an operational ICBM is also higher for the North if the United States is its target.

An ICBM is usually defined as a land-based bal-

listic missile with a range in excess of 5,500 kilometers (3,420 miles). That comes from U.S.-Soviet disarmament talks and in that context makes good sense. The distance between Moscow and New York is about 7,500 kilometers (4,660 miles).

But Narushige Michishita, a defense expert and professor at Japan's National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, pointed out that although the range required for North Korea to hit Alaska would be 5,700 kilometers (3,550 miles) and Hawaii 7,500 kilometers (4,660 miles), reaching the other 48 states requires ranges of 8,000-12,000 kilometers (5,000-7,500 miles).

"In the U.S.-DPRK context, the 5,500 kilometer-range ICBM means nothing," he said. "We must take a look at the range, not the title or name."

Pyongyang made a point of trying to dispel two big questions about its missiles



with the test: re-entry and accuracy.

It claims to have successfully addressed the problem of keeping a nuclear warhead intact during the descent to a target with a viable heat-shield, which would mark a major step forward. The Hwasong 14 isn't believed to be accurate enough to attack small targets despite Pyong-

yang's claims otherwise, but that isn't a major concern if it is intended to be a threat to large population areas, such as cities on the U.S. West Coast.

The reliability problem, however, remains.

"These missiles are very complex machines, and if they're launched again tomorrow it might blow up on

the pad," said David Wright, co-director and senior scientist at the Global Security Program of the Union of Concerned Scientists. "You don't want to do that with a nuclear warhead on top."

Wright said he believes Kim Jong Un decided to start a number of different development programs for different missile systems a couple of years ago and that the frequency of launches over the past 18 months suggests those programs have moved forward enough to reach the testing stages.

"I have been surprised by how quickly they have been advancing," he said.

Wright said the North is believed by most analysts to have a nuclear device small and rugged enough to be put on a long-range missile, or to be very close to having one.

But he said it remains to be seen if its latest missile can be further modified to get the range it needs to threaten the contiguous

U.S., or whether that would require a new system with a scaled-up missile and more powerful engine.

"I suspect that latter, but don't know yet," he said.

The answer to that question matters because it has implications for how long it will take North Korea to really have an ICBM that could attack the U.S. West Coast—and how long Washington has to take action to stop it.

What is Wright's estimate?

"I would expect a couple years," he said.

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Attorney for Plaintiff, Bank of Guam
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,) Civil Action
Plaintiff,) No. 14-0137
vs.)
MERCEDES T. TEIGITA) NOTICE OF
and THE ESTATE OF) AUCTION
JOSE L. TAITANO,) ON THE
Defendant) MORTGAGED
PROPERTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 01st day of February, 2017, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendants, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 11th day of August, 2017 at 10 a.m., at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 022 B 30.
Lot No. 022 B 30, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 022 B 01 the original of which was recorder 10 FEB 83 as Document No. 16506 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:

a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.

b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and

c) to reject any and all bids.

2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758 CK Saipan, MP 96950 or Email: rt@picom.com.

3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 20th day of June, 2017.

/s/
Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Floods in southern Japan force hundreds to flee; 2 dead

TOKYO (AP)—Troops were working Thursday to rescue families left stranded by flooding in southern Japan. Two people were reported dead and 11 others were unaccounted for in flooding that wrecked homes, roads and rice terraces. Heavy rain warnings were in effect for much of the southern island of Kyushu after Typhoon Nangmadol swept across Japan

more effectively. Army chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa, who was at the launch, said that Pakistan will go to any lengths to ensure regional peace and stability and underlined the missiles are meant to stress that war is not an option. He also said that Pakistan's strategic capability is a guarantee of peace against a highly militarized and belligerent neighbor—an obvious reference to arch-enemy India. The two became nuclear powers in the late 1990s.

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

NORTHERN MARIANAS : CIVIL ACTION
HOUSING CORPORATION, : NO. 07-419
Plaintiff :
-v- :
JOHN KITALONG SIKYANG AND :
MERCEDES JONES CASTRO, :
Defendants :
THIRD AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on October 9, 2012, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the rights, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 045 A 12, situated in As Matuis, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 944 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 011 G 23, the original of which was recorded on October 10, 1996, as Document no. 96-2566, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, July 21, 2017, at the hour of 4:00 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The terms and conditions of sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 16th day of June, 2017:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Petitioner,) FCD-DI-CIVIL
Johnny S. Aldan) ACTION NO.
vs.) 17-0269
Joseph Vincent Guiao San Nicolas,) SUMMONS FOR
Petitioner) PUBLICATION

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE) FCD GU
APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN) CIVIL ACTION
OF THE ESTATE OF:) NO. 17-0257
JOAQUIN CABRERA LIZAMA)
AND MARY FRANCES)
DANFORD-LIZAMA)
Defendants)
J.E.P.S.N. (06/22/2011)) NOTICE OF
Minor Child) HEARING
by)
Joseph Vincent Guiao)
San Nicolas)
Petitioner)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petitioner for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor child by Joseph Vincent Guiao San Nicolas, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo on the 10th day of August, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

/s/ Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
By:
Deputy Clerk of Court

earlier in the week. Authorities in Fukuoka, on the southern island of Kyushu said four people suffered slight injuries. The national broadcaster NHK reported one man had died in neighboring Oita prefecture, but details were not immediately available. The other man, a 93-year-old, was likely swept away by flooding, police said. His body was found Wednesday washed up in Asakita in Hiroshima prefecture, which is on the main island of Honshu.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

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TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is As Matuis, P.O. Box 501893, CK as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 8th day of June, 2017.

/s/
Clerk of Court

World

Govt supporters storm Venezuela congress, injuring lawmakers

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Pro-government militias wielding wooden sticks and metal bars stormed congress on Wednesday, attacking opposition lawmakers during a special session coinciding with Venezuela's independence day.

Four lawmakers were injured and blood was splattered on the neoclassical legislature's white walls. One of them, Americo de Grazia, had to be removed in a stretcher while suffering from convulsions.

"This doesn't hurt as much as watching how every day how we lose a little bit more of our country," Armando Arias said from inside an ambulance as he was being treated for head wounds that spilled blood across his clothes.

The unprecedented attack, in plain view of national guardsmen assigned to protect the legislature, comes amid three months of often-violent confrontations between security forces and protesters who accuse the government of trying to establish a dictatorship by jailing foes, pushing aside the opposition-controlled legislature and rewriting the constitution to avoid fair elections.

Tensions were already high after Vice President Tareck El Aissami made an unannounced morning visit to the National Assembly, accompanied by top government and



AP
Dozens of government supporters set up a picket outside the National Assembly, heckling lawmakers during a special session coinciding with Venezuela's independence day, in Caracas, Wednesday, July 5, 2017.

military officials, for an event celebrating independence day. The short appearance at the congress by top officials who have repeatedly dismissed the legislators as a band of U.S.-backed conspirators was seen by many as a provocation.

Standing next to a display case holding the founding charter, El Aissami said global powers are once again trying to subjugate Venezuela.

"We still haven't finished definitively breaking the

chains of the empire," he said, adding that President Nicolas Maduro's plans to rewrite the constitution—a move the opposition sees as a power-grab—offers Venezuela the best chance to be truly independent.

After he left, dozens of government supporters set up a picket outside the building, heckling lawmakers with menacing chants and eventually invading the legislature themselves. The siege only

lifted after seven nerve-wracking hours when police set up a corridor to allow the hundreds of people trapped inside the legislature, including lawmakers and journalists, to leave.

The brazen attack on one of the symbols of Venezuela's already limping democracy drew widespread international rebuke.

"This violence, perpetrated during the celebration of Venezuela's independence, is an assault on the democratic prin-

ciples cherished by the men and women who struggled for Venezuela's independence 206 years ago today," U.S. State Department spokes-

The clash followed Tuesday's appearance of two short videos by a former police inspector who allegedly stole a helicopter and fired on two government buildings last week.

Russia's Putin, N. Korea to challenge Trump overseas

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—President Donald Trump opens his two-nation European visit expecting a warm welcome in Poland before he encounters what could be a frostier reception and thornier issues at an international summit in Germany. Trump's sit-down with Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korea's first launch of an intercontinental ballistic missile threaten to put Trump's skills as a negotiator to the test.

Trump arrived in Warsaw late Wednesday for a 16-hour visit that includes a keynote address to the Poles from Krasinski Square, site of a monument commemorating the 1944 Warsaw Uprising against the Nazis. Scores of people who lined darkened roads waved American and Polish flags and recorded video of Trump's motorcade as it sped him and his wife, Melania, to their hotel.

Trump has scheduled talks with the leaders of Poland and Croatia and may hold a joint news conference—his first one abroad—with Polish President Andrzej Duda. He also was meeting with the heads of a dozen countries bordered by the Baltic,

Adriatic and Black seas. Collectively known as the Three Seas Initiative, the group aims to expand and modernize energy and trade with a goal of reducing the region's dependence on Russian energy.

Duda told Polish broadcaster TVN24 on Wednesday that he wants to tackle concrete issues like energy security in the meeting with Trump, not engage in "some general talk about world security." Trump recently devoted a week to U.S. energy production.

At the same time, Trump will have to contend with escalating tensions with North Korea after it successfully launched its first intercontinental ballistic missile this week. Asked, as he left the White House, what he would do about North Korea, Trump said only, "We're going to do very well."

Trump, who's been seeking China's help in containing Pyongyang's missile and nuclear weapons programs, also tweeted his frustration with China for continuing to trade with North Korea.

"So much for China working with us—but we had to give it a try!" Trump wrote.

Tensions rise between Iraqi forces and civilians in Mosul

MOSUL, Iraq (AP)—"Don't stop!" the Iraqi special forces lieutenant yelled as a wave of fleeing civilians trudged past his position in Mosul's Old City in the scorching heat. "Don't pretend you're tired! Keep going!" Nearby, dozens of women and children, their hands raised, dropped their bags for security forces to search. Keeping the crowd at a distance, the soldiers yelled at the women to roll up their sleeves and empty everything they were carrying.

"We know you're Daesh," the soldiers said, using the Arabic acronym for the Islamic State group.

Tensions have escalated in the final days of the battle for Mosul, as suicide bombings carried out mostly by women hiding among groups of civilians target Iraqi forces closing in on the last few hundred square meters (yards) of territory IS controls. At least one such attack struck Wednesday.

At a screening center, security forces detained boys as young as 14 they accused of

belonging to IS and barred the elderly and sick from stopping to rest during the difficult journey out of the war-torn district, a more than kilometer-long (half-mile) trek on foot over mounds of rubble in 115-degree (47-degree Celsius) heat.

Many civilians are believed still trapped in the IS-run enclave, with around 1,500 fleeing with every 100-meter (yard) advance by Iraqi forces. Those emerging from the Old City at this late stage in the fight were weak, injured, gaunt and pale. For months, the district has been bombarded by Iraqi artillery and cut off from food and water.

The fight for Mosul is taking a "devastating" toll on the Old City's residents, Doctors Without Borders said in a statement Wednesday. Only a "fraction ... who require medical attention are receiving it, and many are dying on the battlefield," the humanitarian organization warned.

One man with a fractured leg was carried out Wednesday by a relative, surgical metal pins protruding through the

white bandages. A small girl, her head wrapped in gauze, walked past the soldiers holding her mother's hand. Another man approached on crutches, his right leg missing below the knee, the stump bandaged.

An elderly man, stripped down to his underwear, staggered toward the soldiers.

"I recognize him from the Daesh propaganda videos!" special forces Lt. Fadhel Hadad yelled as two soldiers grabbed the man and sat him on the side of the road. Hadad began questioning him, but the man made motions that he was unable to speak.

"Don't pretend you are too tired to speak. Give him water and he'll speak," Hadad said. Iraqi soldiers increasingly accuse civilians still inside the Old City of being relatives of IS fighters. Some 300 militants are estimated to be inside a 500-square-meter (600-square-yard) sliver of territory.

"We know they are all Daesh families, but what do we do, kill them all?" said a special forces soldier, Amar

"These are not children. They are cubs of the caliphate," Hadad, the officer at the Old City checkpoint said, gesturing to a group of young boys being held in custody. Another soldier kicked a man into the back of a Humvee and began binding the detainees' hands with plastic zip-ties.

Off The Wall

Scientists baffled by strange sea creatures near Alaska

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP)—Strange sea creatures that resemble large pink thimbles are showing up on the coast of southeast Alaska for the first time after making their way north along the West Coast for the last few years.

Scientists say the creatures are pyrosomes, which are tropical, filter-feeding spineless creatures usually found along the equator. They appear to be one long pink tube, but in reality, they're thousands of

multi-celled creatures mashed together, generally about 6 inches (15 centimeters) long.

Pyrosomes have been working their way north, Ric Brodeur, a researcher with the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told the Associated Press on Monday.

Brodeur, who is based at the agency's Northwest Fisheries Science Center in Newport, Oregon, said pyrosomes were first seen on the Oregon coast

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Italian farmer turns field into Putin portrait ahead of G20

MILAN (AP)—An Italian artist has used his tractor to transform a field near the Italian city of Verona into a giant portrait of Russian President Vladimir Putin ahead of this week's Group of 20 summit. The 135-meter (443-foot)-wide Putin portrait that artist Dario Gambarin created only can be properly viewed from above due to its scale. Gambarin created similar land portraits of Donald Trump and Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton during the U.S. presidential race last year. The artist says he doesn't measure fields before he starts driving, but creates his giant images with a good eye and tractor skills. Gambarin limits his creations to the brief period between the harvest of one crop and the planting of the next, meaning Putin's portrait will be cut down after a few days.

Man finds out small house is actually 300-year-old log cabin

BRYN MAWR, Pa. (AP)—A man who bought a tiny dilapidated house next to his childhood home learned during renovations that the eyesore was actually a 300-year-old log cabin, making it among the oldest surviving houses in Pennsylvania. Jude Plum tells *The Philadelphia Inquirer* he bought the house in Bryn Mawr out of pre-foreclosure four years ago. After removing five layers of exterior, the 71-year-old uncovered a log home that was basically untouched since 1704. Since then, he's completely restored it, taking it apart and rebuilding it from scratch, even hand-hewing the logs with a 200-year-old broadax. He worked with a builder who helped track down logs from another 18th-century cabin to replace those that had rotted. Plum's hope is to put the house on the National Regis-

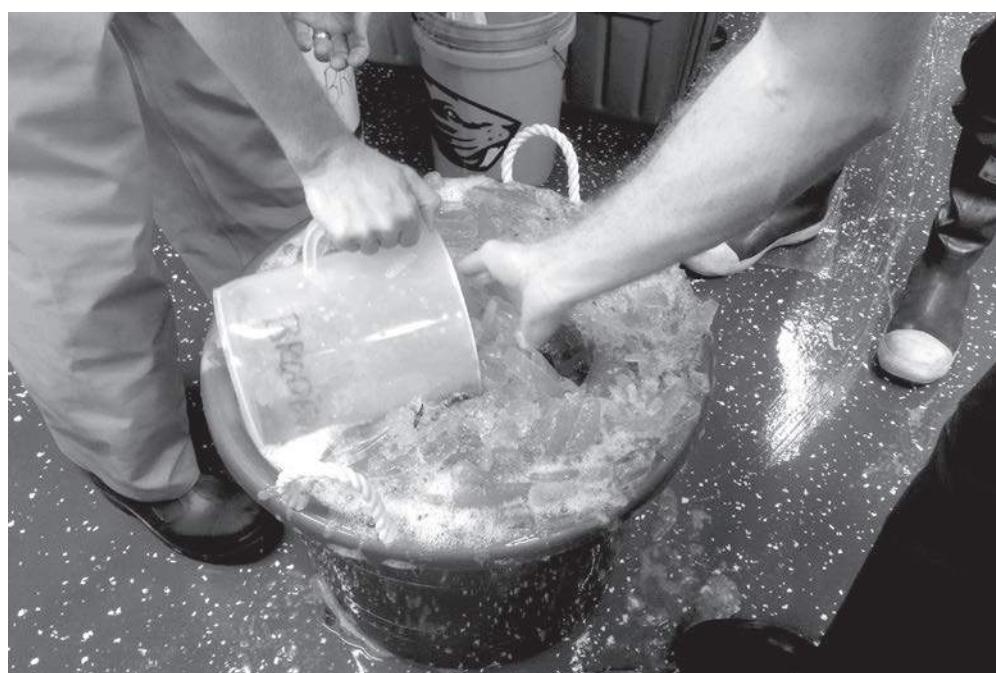
ter of Historic Places, saying it represents "the beginning of our country."

The high life? Couple weds in pot facility to back new laws

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A groom donned a bud of marijuana in his coat pocket as he and his bride said "I do" inside a Las Vegas facility growing the drug that's newly legal to buy. Anna Balfe-Taylor says she had to think about it when Mark Balfe-Taylor asked her to marry him inside the grow house but eventually supported it. However, neither of them will be smoking what was in the groom's pocket Saturday, the same day Nevada launched recreational pot sales. The two were sober and say they plan to stay that way. The couple said a grow house wedding was more about supporting Nevada's new marijuana laws. Mark Balfe-Taylor says his father was once imprisoned because of a marijuana-related offense, so the issue has always been personal for him.

Bear breaks in to house, hunts for food as owner sleeps

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—A bear that broke in to a Colorado home and tore through the place looking for food as the owner slept upstairs has been killed by wildlife officers. The *Colorado Springs Gazette* reports that the bear spent six hours trashing the kitchen. Surveillance video shows the bear standing up on its hind legs and opening the refrigerator door with ease. An officer shot the animal after it left the property Tuesday and then charged back toward it. Colorado Parks and Wildlife officials say they believe it's the same bear that ate ice cream and M&Ms it snatched from a home in June. They also believe it's the bear that trapped a woman inside her vehicle a few days later while it prowled around her garage.



This Thursday, June 23, 2016, photo provided by Ric Brodeur, taken off the Oregon coast, shows a bucket full of pyrosomes. The tropical, filter-feeding spineless creatures usually found along the equator have been making their way north in the last few years, and they showed up for the first time this year in the waters of southeast Alaska, Ric Brodeur, a researcher with the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told the Associated Press on Monday, July 3, 2017.

in 2014 and every year since. More recently, the animals have made their way up farther north on the Washington state coast, Canada's British

Columbia and Alaska.

Jim Murphy, a biologist with the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said pyrosomes

spotted near Alaska this year marked the first documented presence of the animals that far north, and their appearance is cause for concern.

Flying ants invade Wimbledon on warmest day of tournament

LONDON (AP)—They were buggin' out at Wimbledon on Wednesday.

Hundreds of flying ants swarmed around various courts at the All England Club, distracting players during their matches, as the temperature warmed up considerably, from the low 70s (20s Celsius) to nearly 85 degrees (nearly 30 Celsius).

It left the racket-wielders swatting the bugs instead of tennis balls, at times.

Steve Johnson, an American seeded 26th, was startled when one of the critters buzzed its way into his right ear at the precise moment that he came up with a forehand winner during what would become a 6-3, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 victory over Radu Albot of Moldova.

Johnson did a little dance while he extricated the invader.

"Thankfully, I ended the point right there, because I wouldn't have run for the next

ball. It just got in there. Eventually it got out, but I didn't want it to get any further than it did," Johnson said.

"They were everywhere," he said. "It was a mess out there. I've never seen that here before."

Local media have reported about a wave of flying ants

On Day 11, hockey players break record for longest game

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP)—Fatigue gave way to emotion for Les Kuntar on Monday when he attempted to put into perspective spending the past 11 days playing one continuous hockey game.

Standing at center ice and sipping a beer, the 47-year-old former professional goalie's eyes welled with tears as he recalled a poignant moment that occurred early one morning during the bid to break the record for longest game and raise money for cancer research.

"A lady came and she had a bandanna on her head, so she was obviously undergoing chemotherapy," said Kuntar, whose career included playing six games for the Montreal Canadiens during the 1993-94 season.

"At the end, she came down with a white sign that said, 'Thank you,' and stuck it on the glass. And we all just stopped and tapped our sticks," he said. "It's just



NEW TOURIST ATTRACTION

In this June 28, 2017 photo, a white deer stands in a field with orange butterfly weed at the Seneca Army Depot in upstate New York. Public bus tours to view a rare herd of ghostly white deer at a former World War II Army weapons depot are slated to begin fall 2017. The white deer roaming the 7,000-acre Seneca Army Depot in the Finger Lakes have been off-limits to the public for decades, save for glimpses through the surrounding chain-link fence.

"It means that we are clearly seeing really big changes in the marine ecosystem," he told The Juneau Empire (<http://bit.ly/2tiGSle>).

Researchers have speculated that the bloom is tied to warmer ocean temperatures in the Pacific Ocean in recent years. But temperatures have nearly cooled back to normal this year, Murphy said, and these pyrosomes started showing up in the middle of winter.

Leon Shaul, a biologist with Fish and Game, has been tracking the appearance of pyrosomes in southeast Alaska. He said he's "emailed the whole world" about the issue, but hasn't heard much back.

Brodeur told the AP that it's also unusual how close to shore the pyrosomes have come, although they are now being found farther offshore again.

He said the creatures have a low nutritional value, and that raises concerns on how they will affect the fish that eat them.

across Britain this week, a migration of sorts that is a result of just the right combination of heat, humidity and wind.

"Well," Johnson said, "they migrated to Wimbledon."

Especially during the early afternoon on Day 3 of the grass-court Grand Slam tournament.

amazing how many people are touched by this whole thing."

Kuntar and 39 other Buffalo recreational league players—many of them in their 40s—overcame injuries, illness and countless blisters to unofficially set the record. It happened shortly after 7 a.m. when the official time clock mounted in the stands overlooking center ice hit 10 days, 10 hours, 3 minutes and 21 seconds. The time surpassed the previous mark recognized by the Guinness World Records of 250 hours, 3 minutes and 20 seconds, established during an outdoor game outside Edmonton, Alberta, in February 2015.

Fans stood, cheered and hollered, and play was stopped briefly as players hugged on the benches and on the ice. They played for about 32 more minutes before the final buzzer sounded for a game that began at 9 p.m. on June 22 and ended with Team Blue beating Team White 1,725-1,697.

Science & Technology

Treating a case of sunburn

BY MAYO CLINIC NEWS NETWORK
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It boils down to what's in the term sunburn: "sun" and "burn." Simply put, the sun burns your skin. And the result can be pain, redness, blisters and peeling skin.

"Prevention is the key," says Dr. Cindy Kermott, a Mayo Clinic preventive medicine physician. "But if you've already been sunburned, taking a cool shower or bath can be a helpful start."

Kermott says the cool water from a shower, bath or cold compress works to tame the inflammation that occurs around a sunburn. Taking an anti-inflammatory medicine can help too. Drinking plenty of water will help replenish what your body is losing in battling the sunburn.

Kermott says to avoid applying topical products to the burned area, as they can irritate the skin and, in some cases, cause an allergic reaction. And don't pop blisters that may form.

"That fluid that's underneath the blisters is completely

sterile," says Kermott. "It can only become infected if it has exposure to the outside world—if it's popped."

Kermott says if blisters break on their own, apply an antibacterial cream to protect the newly exposed layer of skin.

See a doctor if the sunburn:

- Is accompanied by a high fever or extreme pain
- Blistering covers a large part of your body
- Produces yellow drainage or red streaks leading away from blisters

Finally, Kermott says to wear loose-fitting cotton clothing over the burn to limit any further exposure to the sun until the skin is healed.

To avoid sunburn:

- Cover exposed areas with sunscreen.
- Seek shade during peak sun hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses to protect your eyes and the delicate skin around them.

Lifestyle and home remedies

Once sunburn occurs, you

can't do much to limit damage to your skin. But the following tips may reduce your pain and discomfort:

- Take a pain reliever. If needed, an over-the-counter pain reliever such as ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others) or naproxen sodium (Aleve) may help control the pain and swelling of sunburn, especially if you take it soon after sun exposure. Some types of pain relievers may be applied to your skin as gels.
- Cool the skin. Apply a compress to the affected skin—such as a towel dampened with cool tap water. Or take a cool bath or shower.
- Apply moisturizer. An aloe vera lotion or gel may be soothing.

- Don't break small blisters (no bigger than your little fingernail). If a blister breaks, gently clean the area with mild soap and water, apply an antibiotic ointment, and cover it with a nonstick gauze bandage.

- Treat peeling skin gently. Within a few days, the affected area may begin to peel. This is your body's way



DMYTRO DUDCHENKO/DREAMSTIME/TNS

Once sunburn occurs, you can't do much to limit damage to your skin, but there are ways to try to reduce the pain and discomfort.

- Avoid applying "-caine" products, such as benzocaine. Such creams may irritate the skin or cause an allergic reaction.

Benzocaine has been linked to a rare but potentially deadly condition that decreases the amount of oxygen that the blood can carry (methemoglobinemia).

Don't use benzocaine in children younger than age 2 without supervision from a health care professional. If you're an adult, never use more than the recommended dose and consider talking with your doctor before using it.

Spotify and Pandora struggle; Apple Music lowers its subscription prices

By SEUNG LEE
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CUPERTINO, Calif.—Apple's latest move to corner the music streaming market came quietly but is expected to reverberate quickly.

Earlier this month, Apple Music unveiled a \$99 yearly subscription option, tucked deep in the Music settings inside the App Store. The subscription breaks down to \$8.25 a month, nearly \$1.75 cheaper than the standard \$9.99 monthly subscription used by Apple Music and its two main competitors, Spotify and Pandora.

Digital media analysts said the unusual move by Apple—undercutting its own pricing models—is an effort to pounce on its financially struggling competitors and lure paying customers to its service.

Unlike Stockholm-based

Spotify and Oakland's Pandora, whose revenues are heavily reliant on premium subscriptions, Apple has the money and the flexibility to absorb losses while squeezing out the competition, analysts said.

"Apple can afford to do this," said Mike Goodman, director of digital media strategies at Strategy Analytics. "They are not dependent on needing music to turn a profit. It's focused on perpetuating the Apple ecosystem."

The ecosystem added a new member earlier this month at the Worldwide Developers Conference in San Jose, when Apple launched the HomePod, a smart home speaker set to launch in December.

Apple labeled the product a smart "musicologist" that can compete with Sonos in acoustic quality and is expected to further Apple's success with digital music.

Since its launch in 2015, Apple Music has shown rapid growth in paid subscribers. Apple said during its WWDC keynote that it has more than 27 million subscribers—including 7 million who came in the last six months.

Apple Music's new yearly rate was first available for months as a gift card subscription only. A \$4.99-per-month subscription is available only to college students.

The new yearly subscription pricing may entice younger, cash-strapped and Spotify-using millennials to give Apple Music a try, said Carolina Milanesi, an analyst at Creative Strategies.

"Apple already found that sweet spot of 35-plus age demographic," said Milanesi. "I think they are now going after millennials who don't have as much money as the older crowds."

SpaceX launches communication satellite on 3rd try

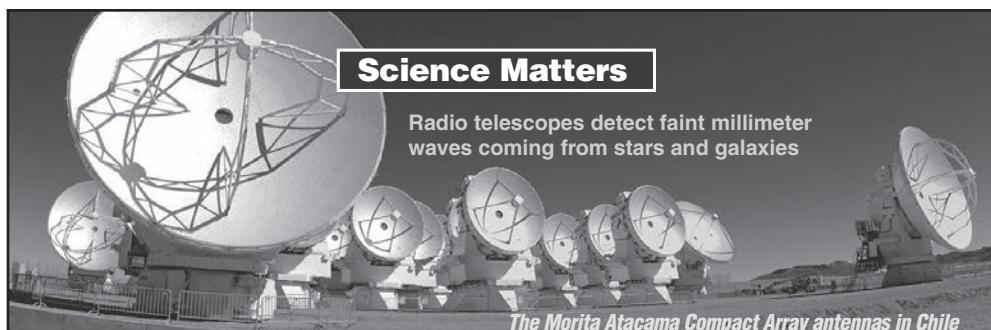
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—SpaceX has launched a communication satellite on the third try.

The unmanned Falcon rocket blasted off Wednesday evening from Florida's Kennedy Space Center. It successfully hoisted an Intelsat satellite that was going so high that there wasn't enough leftover fuel to attempt a booster landing. So

the first stage fell into the Atlantic, as is still the custom for other rocket companies.

Launch attempts on Saturday and Sunday were foiled by last-second technical issues.

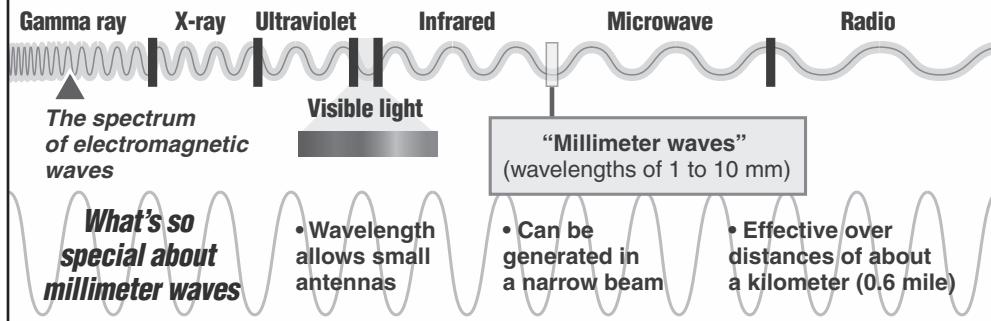
SpaceX is on a rocket roll. This is the private company's third launch in barely two weeks. A recycled Falcon carried up a satellite from the



Radar waves with everyday uses

Small radar systems are now being built into cars to help them avoid hazards, and applications of this "sub-millimeter radar technology" are about to transform our daily lives.

New devices use extremely high-frequency radar



Serious and not-so-serious uses

Lets cars detect hazards

Detect objects ahead, behind and to the sides; see collision about to happen; monitor driver's blind spot



Radar set fits into auto bumper
Source: Hiroshima University and Mie Fujitsu Semiconductor Limited; Toyota; How Stuff Works Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Tribune News Service

Future mobile phones
May carry 5G-quality signals over radar

Airport security scanners
Waves penetrate clothing and reflect from small metal objects

NASA-leased pad at Kennedy on June 23, followed by the launch of a new rocket two days later from Southern California. Wednesday's rocket also was new.

Vice President Mike Pence will view the empty pad—Launch Complex 39A, where NASA's moon rockets and shuttles once soared—during a space center tour Thursday.

Life & Style

Lighter, brighter Imagine Dragons emerges after dark times

NEW YORK (AP)—A weird thing happened when the four members of the alt-rock band Imagine Dragons sat down to listen to their new album all the way through. They actually liked it.

"This was the first record that I think after we created it and we listened to it, we all went, for the first time, 'Yes. This is Imagine Dragons and we're proud of this,'" said lead singer Dan Reynolds. "That doesn't happen very often in this band, to be honest with you."

The Las Vegas-based quartet, which likes to blend rock and hip-hop, has always been its toughest critic, but on "Evolve," band members had to learn to let go. They relied on producers for the first time—Swedish duo Mattman & Robin, who won a Grammy for Taylor Swift's "1989," and Joel Little, who produced Lorde's "Pure Heroine"—to shepherd the album all the way through.

"We knew as a band one of our biggest flaws was overproducing ourselves. We've known it since the beginning and we've had so many conversations as a band saying, 'How do we peel back?' And we just couldn't do it until finally somebody walked into the room and slapped our head," Reynolds said.



This June 20, 2017 photo shows members of Imagine Dragons, from left, Wayne Sermon, Dan Reynolds, Daniel Platzman and Ben McKee in New York. AP

The new approach reflects a lot of changes behind the scenes at Imagine Dragons, now re-entering the spotlight after more than a year away as a happier—maybe even sunnier—band. The first single, "Believer," is already a hit.

The group ground away in obscurity for years—even for sharing a bill with mimes—until being signed by producer Alex da Kid and seeing massive success with the 2012 release of the hit "Radioactive." Their second album, "Smoke

+ Mirrors," went gold but didn't reach the sales height of their debut, "Night Visions." They spent seven years touring, a grueling schedule that took its toll.

"I think it kind of snuck up on us a little bit, to be honest. The change happened pretty fast. We were this tiny little band that struggled and struggled for so long and played any show we could—I mean, we opened for mimes, for heaven's sake. And that was by far not our worst gig," said

guitarist Wayne Sermon.

By the time they blew up—with a Grammy Award and arena tours—band members feared the success would stop if they stopped. "It was sort of unhealthy for us, so this year-break was amazing," said Sermon. "I think it reflects in the music. I think the music is brighter. I think it's cleaner. I think more vibrant."

The break was most appreciated by Reynolds, who has always been frank about his battles with depression. He

was desperate to get home and reconnect with his 4-year-old daughter, his wife and friends.

"I was in a really just scattered, depressed headspace, and I think it just came from a sense of losing my sense of self almost to a degree and all the abrupt changes. I had dealt with depression when I was young, but it really took on a whole new level and it was kind of a full year," he said.

"I did a lot of self-work, read a lot of books, met with a lot of people who helped me

find a healthier headspace and got to a really wonderful, colorful, good headspace, which has been just great."

To make "Evolve," the band leaned on Alex da Kid and new collaborators like Joel Little and Mattman & Robin. Imagine Dragons turned to the duo for several songs chiefly because they were very opinionated and very minimalist. Reynolds and Sermon recall working in the studio for hours, trying all kinds of song approaches, until one of the Swedish producers smiled or just nodded.

"They helped us see the weakness of what we'd done and the strengths and try to make a more evolved version of what Imagine Dragons was sonically while also retaining the elements that made the band who they were," Reynolds said.

Reynolds, whose wife recently gave birth to twins, also was freed up to push himself lyrically, turning for the first time to address love on songs like "Walking the Wire" and "I'll Make It Up to You."

"Since I was in a healthy headspace for the first time in a long time, love was exciting to me and it wasn't cliched or corny. It was beautiful and interesting. So I found myself writing about love."

CNN faces backlash over handling of doctored Trump video

NEW YORK (AP)—CNN says safety concerns led to its decision not to reveal the identity of the man behind a doctored anti-CNN video. Yet the way the decision was explained and deep distrust of the network among President Donald Trump's supporters provoked a backlash Wednesday.

The network said late Tuesday it had identified the Reddit user who originally posted an old WWE video of Trump "roughing up" pro wrestling maven Vince McMahon, superimposing the CNN logo over McMahon's face. Trump tweeted a link to the video, with some modifications, and it has become the president's most-shared social media post yet, according to Twitter.

Reporter Andrew Kaczynski said in an online story that CNN had found the Reddit user, who used the tag "HanA----Solo," and reached out to him Monday. Before returning Kaczynski's message the next day, the user posted a public apology for the Trump video—he called it a prank—and for some racist and anti-Semitic postings also made



Copies of the New York Post with an illustration of President Donald Trump as a professional wrestler on the front page are displayed at a newsstand in New York City, Monday, July 3, 2017. AP

under that name. He said he was just trying to get a reaction and didn't mean what he said, and was closing his Reddit account.

CNN said online that it had decided not to publish the user's name because he is a private citizen who apologized, showed remorse and

said he would not repeat his ugly behavior. "CNN reserves the right to publish his identity should any of that change," Kaczynski wrote.

That last sentence made CNN a target.

"That's essentially blackmail," wrote conservative activist Ben Shapiro. "That's

CNN stating that it will out the guy if he dares to defy their political perspective or offends them sufficiently."

Such charges spread swiftly online. Fox News Channel host Sean Hannity shared another video on Twitter, this one showing a professional wrestler whose face was replaced

with a Trump picture bashing several other men identified as "CNN" with a chair. "Is CNN going to blackmail this person, too?" Hannity asked.

CNN said Wednesday that it did not publish the user's name out of concern for his safety, and that any claim that it tried to blackmail or coerce him was false. Kaczynski tweeted that the user told him he had not been threatened in any way.

CNN's online critics, including Donald Trump Jr., claimed the Reddit user was a 15-year-old boy. CNN said he was an adult male and Kaczynski tweeted, "People claiming he's 15 are wrong."

The video sent out by Trump on Sunday morning had been retweeted more than 340,000 times by Wednesday morning. That passes Trump's tweet the morning of last November's election—"TODAY WE MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!—as his most-shared post, Twitter said.

CNN also received heat from another direction for its decision to withhold the user's name.

There are many reasons to keep a name out of a story, said William Grueskin, a Columbia

University professor. The person could be an abuse victim, a confidential witness whose life or job would be endangered, a source promised anonymity or a juvenile. The Reddit user "doesn't appear to fit any of these categories," he said.

"That puts a high expectation on other reporters, who are asked every day to withhold names and who don't, for good reason," he said. "Are others now supposed to engage in a negotiation with sources that illustrates moral probity and predicts future conduct?"

Indira Lakshmanan, an expert on journalism ethics for the Poynter Institute, said she has no problem with CNN finding out the user's identity, since the person put his opinions in the public square and boasted about the president's retweet. She said it's more likely the user pleaded with CNN to have his name withheld out of fear than the network trying to blackmail him in any way.

Still, she said, the network could have explained its decision better and the "reserves the right" claim is unnecessarily problematic.

New series 'Snowfall' tells birth of cocaine in Los Angeles

ATLANTA (AP)—Filmmaker John Singleton remembered taking a ride through a section of a south Los Angeles neighborhood seeing security bars on every window and huge metal gates surrounding each home.

The recent drive instantly reminded Singleton about when residents in the area first took cautionary measures to guard their house to prevent home invasions during the 1980s crack cocaine epidemic.

"People made it almost like they were imprisoning themselves in their homes," the Los Angeles native recalled. "In the early 80s, people started breaking into people's houses. Crack really took hold back then. ... But this is a story no one has ever told before. There's always a new cocaine story that's East Coast. But there's really never a story how the West Coast changed from this. So, I wanted to get into it."

Singleton co-created the new series "Snowfall," which focuses on the genesis of how crack cocaine became a rampant epidemic in Los Angeles' inner city neighborhoods in 1983. The first season premieres Wednesday on FX at 10 p.m. EDT.

Singleton, an Oscar-nom-



AP
This image released by FX shows Malcolm Mays as Kevin, from left, Damson Idris as Franklin Saint and Isaiah John as Leon on FX's new series "Snowfall."

inated writer-director, is best known for his critically-acclaimed movies from "Boyz N the Hood," "Poetic Justice" and "Higher Learning." But these days, he is doing more television after directing episodes of "Empire" and "The People v. O.J. Simpson:

American Crime Story" along with the BET drama "Rebel."

"It's like making a movie every week, instead of every couple of years," he said. "For me, I like telling stories. I have so many of them. With 'Snowfall,' I can tell a story about real folks and what they are going through."

"Snowfall" tells a story of a violent collision course involving a young street entrepreneur, a Mexican wrestler tied up in a power struggle with a crime family, the daughter of a Mexican crime lord and a CIA operative who begins an off-book operation to fund the Nicaraguan Contras.

"This story is very important and must be told and seen," said Damson Idris, who plays the star character of 19-year-old Franklin Saint, a street-minded entrepreneur who was educated in an upper class neighborhood. He's determined to get into the drug game to take care of people

Judge: Robert Durst's friends must testify at murder hearing

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP)—Two of Robert Durst's longtime friends have been ordered by a New York judge to testify at a pretrial hearing in the eccentric millionaire's murder case in California this month.



Durst

Christopher Quinn, an acting state Supreme Court justice, found that Stewart and Emily Altman, who are from Long Island, are "material and necessary witnesses" in the Durst case. Stewart Altman has been a friend of Durst's since their high school days in the early 1960s.

Durst, who was featured in the HBO documentary "The Jinx," is facing murder charges in Los Angeles in the 2000 killing of his longtime friend, Susan Berman. Prosecutors suspect Durst shot Berman because he feared she might divulge incriminating information regarding the 1982 disappearance of Durst's first wife, Kathleen.

Durst, 74, was never charged in Kathleen Durst's disappearance and has denied killing either Berman or his first wife.

In "The Jinx: The Life and Deaths of Robert Durst," he is

heard muttering that he "killed them all." He was arrested in New Orleans in 2015 just before the final episode aired.

Attorneys for the Altmans argued that their testimony is not necessary at a pretrial hearing. Elizabeth Johnson, one of their attorneys, said Wednesday that she would appeal Quinn's ruling.

Los Angeles prosecutors say they want to question the Altmans about their friendship with Durst, including his state of mind when he fled to Galveston, Texas, in 2000 amid questions about Kathleen Durst's disappearance.

The Los Angeles prosecutor in the Durst case declined to comment on the New York ruling. Five of Durst's lawyers didn't immediately return an email seeking comment on the decision.

In 2001, Durst was charged with killing a 71-year-old neighbor in Galveston, where Durst was living disguised as a mute woman. While conceding he chopped up neighbor Morris Black's body and tossed it in the sea, Durst was acquitted of murder after testifying that he was defending himself.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Ivanka Trump defends paid leave plan in Wall Street Journal

WASHINGTON (AP) — First daughter Ivanka Trump is defending a White House proposal to mandate paid leave for new parents in a letter to the editor published Wednesday in The Wall Street Journal.

The paper had previously criticized the Trump administration plan "as bad policy and worse politics" that would increase taxes on business. The plan would be funded through unemployment insurance.

But Ivanka Trump says in a response that: "Providing a national guaranteed paid-leave program with a reasonable time limit and benefit cap isn't an entitlement, it's an investment in America's

working families." Ivanka Trump has met with Democratic and Republican lawmakers on the issue. The program has limited GOP backing, but more modest tax policies could be included in a Republican tax overhaul effort.

Ivy League historian returns prize after citations questions

NEW YORK (AP) — A Columbia University professor who specializes in modern Korean and East Asian history has returned a 2014 prize he received from the American Historical Association after some sources in the winning book were questioned. Charles K. Armstrong, author of "Tyranny of the Weak: North Korea and the World,

1950-1992," won the association's John K. Fairbank Prize, but came under criticism when more than 70 citations were challenged. In response, Armstrong said he submitted 52 corrections for the book's next edition. On his website, he defended his work: "The errors did not cause serious damage to any scholarly field or to the validity of the book itself." The American Historical Association, the largest professional organization serving historians, said last week that Armstrong returned the prize "out of respect" for the association.

Philadelphia celebrates 'Kevin Hart Day' for native comedian

PHILADELPHIA (AP) —

around him.

"Not only does it speak to an older generation who may have survived or lived through it, but it might speak to a new generation who may not be as informed," he continues. "It's going to teach people about their past."

Idris, an actor of Nigerian descent who grew up in London, said he didn't know anything about the drug epidemic in the United States until he visited Los Angeles for the first time and saw Skid Row—an impoverished area inhabited by the homeless. He called the experience "heartbreaking."

"When we hear about these drug stories, we tend to think, 'Wow, do we need to see black people in turmoil? Or black people struggling?'" he said. "But I want people to know that this show doesn't glorify or glamorize crack cocaine or any other drug. Kids were born into this. They are surrounded by people who are still on this drug, people who didn't survive and was destroyed by it."

Singleton said it took some years for "Snowfall" to see an actual premiere date. He said Showtime was originally supposed to air the series, but he said the network parted ways with them because they "just didn't get it."

nizing it was the Declaration of Independence, said how history is repeating itself.

NPR broadcast its annual reading of the declaration for the 29th straight year on Independence Day. This is the first year the tradition has been extended to Twitter.

Spokeswoman Allyssa Pollard says the tweets were shared by thousands of people and generated "a lively conversation."

Philadelphia is welcoming back its favorite funnyman, Kevin Hart, for a birthday celebration and the unveiling of a giant mural of the comedian near his childhood home. The festivities Thursday morning will include an official resolution dubbing July 6 "Kevin Hart Day" in the city. The mural will be displayed on Max's Steaks in north Philadelphia. Hart wrote on Instagram that he was "blown away" by the announcement. Hart has starred in five stand-up comedy specials and will next appear in an upcoming remake of the film Jumanji. He was recently named by Forbes as the highest-paid comedian, raking in nearly \$90 million from June 2015 to June 2016.

Donald Trump wax sculpture draws mixed reactions in Boston

BOSTON (AP)—A wax sculpture of President Donald Trump has left Boston onlookers divided—but not politically.

The Boston Globe reports the sculpture was visible Wednesday through the windows of the Dreamland Wax Museum on Boston's City Hall Plaza.

Museum vice president of sales Michael Pelletz says people have been amazed at

how "life-like" the sculpture looks, and have stopped to pose and take pictures in front of the artwork.

But some spectators told the newspaper it didn't quite look like the Republican president. One woman said it more closely resembles the late Democratic Sen. Ted Kennedy.

Pelletz says the figure was put on display for Independence Day. The sculpture has

been taken down but will appear in a museum exhibit set to open later this month.

In this June 14, 2017, file photo, President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump talk with Dr. Ira Y. Rabin, left, after visiting MedStar Washington Hospital Center in Washington, Wednesday, June 14, 2017, where House Majority Leader Steve Scalise of La. was taken after being shot in Alexandria, Va.



MSNBC's 'Morning Joe' sets viewership mark after tweets

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski reached their biggest audience ever when they talked Friday about President Donald Trump's tweets about their show.

The Nielsen company said Wednesday that 1.66 million people watched the MSNBC morning show the day after the tweets. That narrowly beat the show's previous record, which came the day after Trump was elected last year.

Trump, in denouncing the show last week, wrote that Brzezinski was "bleeding badly from a facelift" when he saw them around the New Year.

Friday's "Morning Joe" proved more popular than Trump's favorite morning show, "Fox & Friends." Even Trump tweeted that he watched "Morning Joe" on Friday.

So far this year, "Morning Joe" is averaging 896,000 viewers, typically running second behind Fox News Channel's morning show.

Scarborough and Brzezinski delayed a holiday vacation to address Trump's tweets on Friday.

Trump's Twitter smack down of CNN his most retweeted post

WASHINGTON (AP)—A mock video tweeted by President Donald Trump showing him pummeling a man whose face is covered by the CNN logo has become Trump's most-shared post on the platform.

Trump's post Sunday morning of an edited clip of his appearance at the World Wrestling Entertainment Wrestlemania event in 2007 had been retweeted more than 340,000 times as of early Wednesday morning. The mark edges out his tweet

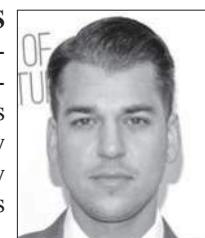
from the morning of Election Day reading, "TODAY WE MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!"

A Twitter spokesman confirmed to The Associated Press Wednesday that the CNN tweet is now Trump's most-shared.

The president has more than 33 million Twitter followers. His CNN tweet was retweeted by the official presidential Twitter account, which has more than 19 million followers.

Rob Kardashian's Instagram account disappears after outburst

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Rob Kardashian says Instagram shut down his page on Wednesday following his flurry of posts attacking his former fiancée.



Kardashian then

The post has since been deleted.

Both were top trending topics worldwide on Twitter.

Attempts to reach representatives for Kardashian and Chyna were unsuccessful.

Instagram released a statement saying: "We value maintaining a safe and supportive space for our community and we work to remove reported content that violates our guidelines."

In a Facebook post, the actor said he and CBS were unable to agree on contract terms, so he made the "difficult choice" to exit the series.

Kim, who played Chin Ho Kelly on the crime drama reboot, said the "path to equality is rarely easy," without elaborating. He was traveling Wednesday and unavailable, a spokeswoman said.

The departures from the show of Kim and Grace Park, who played Kono Kalakaua,

Daniel Dae Kim: Contract dispute behind 'Hawaii Five-0' exit

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Daniel Dae Kim said his decision to leave "Hawaii Five-0" stemmed from a contract dispute.

In a Facebook post, the actor

were reported last week. Both had been with the show since it debuted in 2010 with Alex O'Loughlin and Scott Caan as, respectively, lawmen Steve McGarrett and Danny Williams.

"Daniel and Grace have been important and valued members of 'Hawaii Five-0' for seven seasons," CBS said in a statement Wednesday. "We did not want to lose them and tried very hard to keep them with offers for large and significant salary increases."

The network added that it has "tremendous respect" for the actors and hoped to work with them again.

In his post, Kim said as

an Asian-American actor he knows first-hand how difficult it is to find opportunities, especially well-developed characters like Chin Ho.

Kim, who starred in ABC's "Lost," said he was grateful to CBS and the show's producers for having confidence he would bring the role to life.

He's looking at other acting projects, he said, and is producing ABC's upcoming series, "The Good Doctor."

"Hawaii Five-0," a remake of the 1968-80 series starring Jack Lord and James MacArthur, returns next season for its eighth year. It's produced by CBS Television Studios.

Bluesman's wife feels no love after festival incident

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Ray," and I have been together for 10 years and, like most couples, we have had our ups and downs. Ray is a professional musician, so a lot of my time is spent supporting this, either by promoting his endeavors or accepting the fact that I will always come second to his first love—the blues.

A couple of gigs ago, Ray played at an outdoor festival. So there I sat, in the rain, in the dark, watching the show. Three men approached where I was sitting and stood in a circle around me watching the show. Attendance was sparse due to the weather, so it seemed strange they stood so close to me. It made me uneasy, but I have been in similar situations since being with Ray, so I didn't think much about it.

At home later that night, while I was unwinding and listening to Ray complain about his fingers, I mentioned the three men. He said he had witnessed it and thought it was a little odd, too. This led me to ask, hypothetically, what he would do if he were on stage and I was being attacked in front of him. He said he would put his guitar in its stand, go to the microphone and ask for assistance for me. He wouldn't throw the guitar down and rush to my aid!

I couldn't believe his response. I feel completely alone and

unloved. I don't know what to think or what to do. Any advice you could give me would be greatly appreciated.

FACE IN THE CROWD

DEAR FACE: You are neither alone nor unloved, and I seriously doubt your husband's response to your hypothetical question was an indication that he doesn't love you. It's possible that he was afraid he would not be able to adequately protect you, and that Security could deal with the three men more effectively than he could. Bear in mind that if the real thing were to happen, he might react very differently.

Because you are fearful, plan ahead. Carry pepper spray when you attend his performances.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter graduated more than two years ago. I offered to help her with her thank-you notes, but I dropped the ball and never got them completed and sent out. I feel terrible and guilty.

Would it be wrong to send out letters to everyone and explain what happened? Or how else can I resolve this mess and put my conscience to rest?

PROUD MAMA IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY

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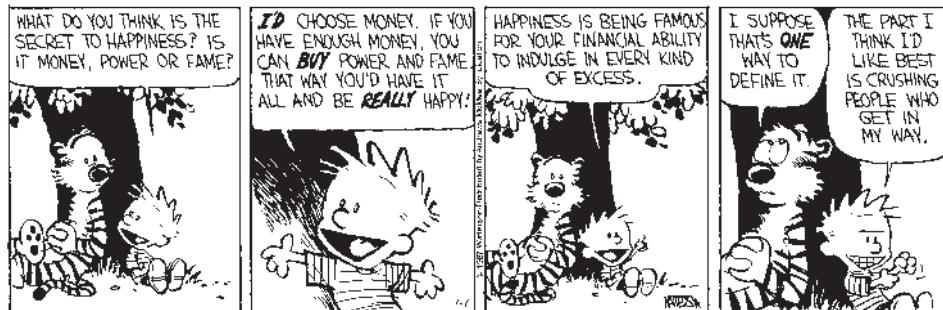


DEAR PROUD MAMA: The task of writing thank-you letters was your daughter's responsibility from the start. She should send them out right away, with her apologies. Better late than never.

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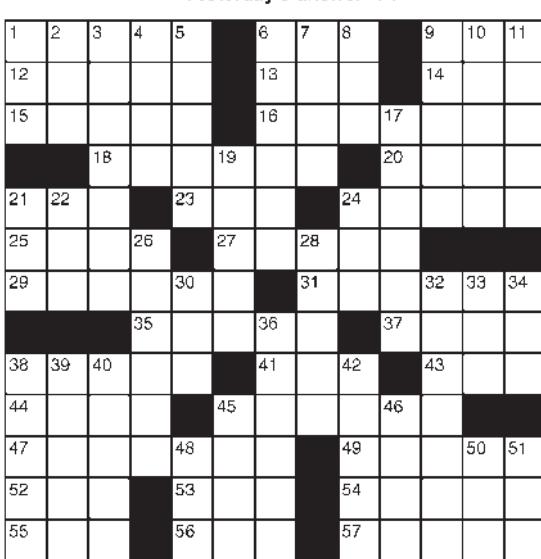
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get out and be social. Attend a reunion or get together with someone from your past, and it will motivate you to travel more or get engaged in events or pastimes you used to enjoy. Romance is highlighted. **★★★★**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone may suggest a change, but only follow through if you plan carefully. Don't rely on secondhand information. Communication will clear up any confusion that develops between you and someone you are working with. **★★★**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A change to the way you view your relationships with others will help you make vital decisions about the way you want to live your life. Don't run from conversations when you should be making your position and choices clear. **★★★**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Think before you say "yes." You'll be inclined to make snap decisions that aren't likely to turn out as planned. Check your sources as well

as any information that someone offers you. Make every move count. **★★★**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Refuse to let anger take over in situations that involve institutions, co-workers or deciding who is responsible for what. It's important to do your share and get on with your day. Take it upon yourself to finish what you start. **★★★**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Live and learn. Use the experience you find yourself in as a future guideline. Emotional manipulation should be your signal to put an end to a relationship that has not been positive for some time. **★★**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pour your heart into your relationships with friends, family or that special person in your life. Set high standards and be the driving force that brings greater equality and balance into important connections. Use charm to get your way. **★★★★**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Accept the inevitable. Taking a look at the big picture will help you come up with a solution that will encourage a better situation at home. Put in the effort necessary to bring about change, and learn as you go. **★★★★**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Give more thought to the way you want things to unfold before you jump in and make an impulsive move. You may think you know what you want, but you may have regrets later if you don't do enough research now. **★★★★**

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Explore the possibilities before you sign up for something you know little about. Don't move forward if there is too much information being withheld. Get any promises in writing. Play it safe and avoid trouble. **★★★**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take any opportunity to bring about positive changes. Knowing what you are capable of doing and putting your skills, experiences and knowledge to work for you will give you a sense of satisfaction. Romance will improve your personal life. **★★★**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make the changes that suit you. Take control and be open about what you are willing to contribute and where you draw the line. Your presence will be noted if you are honest regarding your intentions and goals. **★★★★**

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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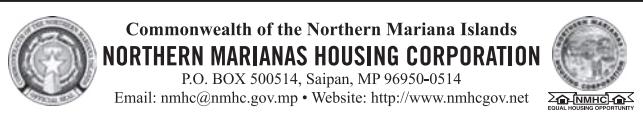
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AP source: Heat, Waiters agree on new deal

By TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER



MIAMI (AP)—
Dion Waiters bet on himself last season, and it paid off.

Waiters and the Miami Heat have agreed on a four-year deal, according to a person with knowledge of the negotiations. The deal is worth a maximum of \$52 million, provided all incentives are met, said the person who spoke Wednesday to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because nothing can be finalized until at least Thursday under league rules.

Waiters averaged 15.8 points in 46 games last season for the Heat. He was a significant part of how Miami turned its season around after an 11-30 start, going 30-11 in the second half.

The Heat were 27-19 when Waiters played, 14-22 when he did not. Last season was his first in Miami, coming in to essentially fill the role vacated when Dwyane Wade left for Chicago last summer.

“Big Congrats to @dionwaiters3 on the new deal with The Heat,” Wade tweeted Wednesday. “It was only right bro!!!”

Miami missed out on landing Gordon Hayward this week, when the All-Star forward decided that he will be signing

Tweener no more: Versatility wanted in positionless NBA

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—
Being described as a “tweener” in the NBA used to be considered a dirty word, an adjective used for a player too big or small to fit a traditional position. The league, however, has evolved.

Now teams seek out players that have a Swiss Army knife-like skill set that can fit into a more free-flowing, positionless game. There’s value in being able to segue into multiple roles.

“I don’t have the five positions anymore,” Celtics coach Brad Stevens said. “It may be as simple as three positions now, where you’re either a ball-handler, a wing or a big.”

“It’s really important. We’ve become more versatile as the years have gone on.”

It’s something players in summer league looking to earn a roster spot need to heed.

The 2017 draft was further proof of the NBA’s direction.

The 6-foot-4, 195 pound Markelle Fultz went No. 1 overall and is the definition of a combo guard. He has elite scoring ability but also is a facilitator as a point guard. The 76ers plan to use him at both guard positions and he’s likely to start opposite 2016 No. 1 pick point forward Ben Simmons—another positionless



AP
Dion Waiters has agreed in a four-year, \$52 million deal to stay with the Miami Heat.

“We’re going to hopefully make the right selections,” Heat President Pat Riley said going into the offseason. “I hope that Dion and James and the rest of our free agents like it here enough that we’re going to be fair with them and they’re going to be fair with us.”

The 25-year-old Waiters missed Miami’s last 13 games because of a badly sprained ankle, and the Heat wound up losing a tiebreaker for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot. He played for \$2.9 million last season, saying he took a small deal in order to prove he was worthy of big dollars in the future.

Waiters said after the regular season that his plan, and his hope, was to stay with the Heat.

“We’re just getting started,” Waiters said in April. “It’s only the beginning. It’s only the beginning.”

Miami is Waiters’ third team, after his career started with stops in Cleveland and Oklahoma City after he left Syracuse and turned pro. He’s averaged 13.2 points in 335 career games.

Jazz moving on from Hayward, but timing is ‘problematic’

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—
Utah Jazz general manager Dennis Lindsey hasn’t spoken with Gordon Hayward since the All-Star announced he was heading to the Boston Celtics. The two have texted back and forth, however.

Lindsey wouldn’t lament Hayward’s choice to take Boston’s \$128 million offer, understanding that it’s a personal decision that was made. But the process has left the Jazz in a bit of a bind. There were contingency plans in place in case Hayward left, but most available marquee players had made their decisions before Tuesday.

“Timing has been problematic,” Lindsey said Wednesday. “It’s time for us to pivot. It’s time for us to move on. We like our young group and we think we’re going to keep the defensive integrity.”

“There’s not as many prospects left on the board because of the timing. So we’ll take a look at it, prospects at every level.”

Things took a bizarre turn Tuesday as early reports had Hayward going to Boston, but his agent later put out a statement that the decision

had not been made. Hours later, it was announced through a Hayward-written post on The Players’ Tribune.

Lindsey declined to address the way it was handled or the way he was informed.

“There’s probably a few adjectives there,” Lindsey said. “That may be a conversation for a later date.”

The Jazz are losing 21.9 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.5 assists per game and their lone All-Star that helped return the team to the playoffs for the first time since 2012.

“Certainly we will miss Gordon and his many contributions to our team, but I always tell our players that ‘adversity is opportunity in disguise,’” Jazz coach Quin Snyder said in a statement.

“This is one of those moments and we need to live those words. We have a roster of young, talented and resilient players. I am confident that together we will accept this challenge while continuing to strive toward our goal of individual and collective improvement.”

“To further lament Gordon’s departure does not honor the commitment we have to our current players.”

with the Boston Celtics. So Plan B for Miami meant retaining its own free agents like Waiters and James Johnson.

The Heat are making progress toward a deal with Johnson, who has made no secret that he has wanted to be back in Miami.

Boston is loaded with young multifaceted players—Jaylen Brown, rookie Semi Ojeleye—with the key being the ability to guard multiple positions. That specifically comes into play against the pick and roll, where defenders can switch and still be in good position as opposed to having to fight through screens.

When Miami had LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh together for four seasons and four trips to the NBA Finals, Heat coach Erik Spoelstra almost completely abandoned the 1-2-3-4-5 concept of assigning players certain roles and went to a positionless approach.

Spoelstra said James was a “1 through 5,” a nod to both his offensive versatility and more specifically how he could guard any position on the floor. He believes having Swiss Army knives—in his parlance, someone capable of many things—is critical in today’s NBA and was part of the reason why Miami took Bam Adebayo with the No. 14 pick in this year’s draft.

At 6-foot-10, about 250 pounds, Adebayo has the body of a power forward. In Miami, he could be that and a backup center. And the Heat think he

can stretch the floor, after seeing he had a shooting touch from deep in workouts that might have caught some by surprise since the majority of his baskets in his one season at Kentucky were dunks.

“You know us,” Spoelstra said. “We don’t care about positions. We don’t care about conventional boxes where players fit in. We may play, who knows, five guys over 6-foot-9 next year in certain segments of a game without a point guard and make teams adjust to us. You have to have guys that have ability, have skill sets and we’re looking forward to learning more about Bam’s game.”

Adebayo got a crash course in what that means in his first few days with the Heat. He also said Kentucky coach John Calipari introduced him to the concept last season, part of prepping him for where the NBA is going now.

“Positionless basketball, I compete with anybody,” Adebayo said. “I’ve been competing against the best of the best my whole year at Kentucky. Cal made me switch every day in practice and made me switch in games. Just having that coming into the league, it gives you good experience.”

Jay, Happ help Cubs rally for 7-3 win over Tampa Bay



CHICAGO

(AP)—Jon Jay connected for his third career pinch-hit homer and Ian Happ hit a tiebreaking, two-run single an inning later, helping the Chicago Cubs rally for a 7-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Wednesday.

The Cubs appeared to be headed for their sixth loss in eight games before Jay drove a 1-2 pitch from Erasmo Ramirez (4-3) over the wall in left-center for a tying three-run shot with two outs in the sixth. Jay then popped out of the dugout for a curtain call, obliging the crowd of 39,855 on a picturesque day at Wrigley Field.

Happ got his big hit in the seventh, driving in Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo with a bouncer up the middle against Tampa Bay's drawn-in infield.

Pedro Strop (3-2) pitched a scoreless seventh for the win. Carl Edwards Jr. and Koji Uehara worked the eighth, and All-Star Wade Davis got three outs.

Rangers 8, Red Sox 2

In Arlington, Texas, Andrew Cashner held a hot Boston lineup hitless into the sixth inning, Rougned Odor hit an early two-run homer and Texas ended the longest winning streak in the majors at six games with a rain-delayed victory over the Red Sox.

Cashner (4-7) retired 10 straight batters before first baseman Pete Kozma's error on a dropped throw kept the sixth going. The next batter, Xander Bogaerts, ended the no-hit bid with a two-run homer.

The right-hander allowed three hits, three walks and two unearned runs with four strikeouts in seven innings.

Boston, which had at least 10 hits and six runs in every game during the winning streak, missed a chance to be

the first team to sweep a season series of more than three games against the Rangers since they moved to Texas in 1972. The Red Sox won the first five meetings this year.

Dodgers 1, Diamondbacks 0

In Los Angeles, Alex Wood pitched three-hit ball over seven innings to start the season 10-0 and NL West-leading Los Angeles beat second-place Arizona.

Wood became the first Dodgers starter to reach 10-0 since Don Newcombe in 1955, when the Brooklyn Dodgers won the first of the franchise's six World Series championships.

The 26-year-old left-hander hasn't lost since May 30, 2016 — a span of 13 starts. Wood struck out 10 and walked two.

Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth for his 20th save in as many chances. He put the potential tying run on with a two-out single to Brandon Drury before striking out Chris Herrmann to end the game.

Rockies 5, Reds 3

In Denver, Jon Gray hit his first career homer an estimated 467 feet — the farthest by any Rockies player this season — and pitched effectively into the sixth inning as Colorado beat Cincinnati on a sweltering night.

Pat Valaika had a career-high three hits, including a two-run homer and a run-scoring single with two outs in the eighth.

Gray's two-run drive in the second was the longest among pitchers since MLB's Statcast began tracking distances in 2015. Gray (2-0) also was solid on the mound, going 5 2/3 innings and allowing three runs, two earned, in his second start since a broken bone in his left foot sidelined him for two months. Greg Holland threw a

shaky ninth for his 28th save to help the slumping Rockies win for the third time in 14 games.

The game-time temperature of 97 degrees tied for the second-hottest home contest in Rockies history.

Blue Jays 7, Yankees 6

In New York, Dellin Betances forced in the go-ahead run with four walks in the eighth inning, and Toronto beat New York after wasting a five-run lead.

Justin Smoak and Kendrys Morales hit back-to-back home runs in the third off Michael Pineda, who also allowed Kevin Pillar's leadoff homer in the fourth. Russell Martin tied the score at 6 with a seventh-inning homer against Chad Green, then walked to drive in the go-ahead run in the eighth against Betances (3-4).

Aaron Judge hit his major league-leading 29th home run, tying Joe DiMaggio's Yankees rookie record set in 1936, and Ji-Man Choi homered in his Yankees debut.

Toronto took two of three from New York, which is 0-6-1 in its last seven series. Leading the AL East by four games on June 13 with a 38-23 record, the Yankees have lost 16 of their last 22.

Brewers 4, Orioles 0

In Milwaukee, Matt Garza pitched into the seventh inning and Keon Broxton hit a two-run homer to lift Milwaukee to a three-game sweep of Baltimore.

Garza allowed five hits and two walks with four strikeouts over 6 1/3 innings for his first scoreless outing of the season.

Oliver Drake, Jared Hughes and Corey Knebel completed the shutout with 2 2/3 innings.

Garza (4-4) ran into trouble in the second inning after the Orioles loaded the bases with no outs. The veteran right-

hander escaped by striking out Ruben Tejada and pitcher Jayson Aquino (1-2) before getting Seth Smith to fly out to right field.

Astros 10, Braves 4

In Atlanta, George Springer drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, Josh Reddick and Marwin Gonzalez each had three RBIs and streaking Houston beat Atlanta.

Houston has won four straight and 12 of 15 to improve to 58-27 overall, best in the majors. The first three batters — Springer, Jose Altuve and Reddick — went 8 for 15 with six RBIs in this one and hit a combined .581 in the two-game series with 15 RBIs in 31 at-bats.

Norichika Aoki doubled to begin the three-run seventh and chase Braves starter Jaime Garcia (2-7). Springer followed with a single, Altuve with a double and Gonzalez with a single to make it 7-4.

Royals 9, Mariners 6, 10 innings

In Seattle, Salvador Perez hit a two-run homer in the 10th, Alex Gordon added a two-out RBI single later in the inning and Kansas City completed a three-game sweep with a win over Seattle.

Perez drove the second pitch from reliever James Pazos (2-2) out to right field for his 17th homer. It was the third home run of the game for Kansas City, adding to earlier two-run shots by Mike Moustakas and Lorenzo Cain.

Mike Minor (5-1) pitched the ninth to get the victory and Kelvin Herrera threw the 10th for his 19th save. Minor had a scare when Mike Zunino led off the ninth with a flyball to deep left field that Gordon caught one step in front of the wall.

Carlos Asuaje drove in two runs and the Padres did just enough against starter Trevor Bauer (7-7) to improve to 14-26 on the road.

Pirates 5, Phillies 2

In Philadelphia, Gerrit Cole pitched six strong innings and drove in his first runs of the season with a tiebreaking two-run single to lead Pittsburgh over Philadelphia.

Cole (7-7) rebounded from a poor outing Friday against San Francisco and a shaky first inning against the Phillies, allowing two runs and seven hits with eight strikeouts and one walk. The right-hander struck out the side in his final inning.

Felipe Rivero, pitching on his 26th birthday, recorded his fifth save by striking out the side in a scoreless ninth.

Athletics 7, White Sox 4

In Oakland, California, Sonny Gray pitched six mostly sharp innings for Oakland to beat Chicago for the second time in two weeks.

Jed Lowrie had three hits and two RBIs, Bruce Maxwell doubled in two runs and Jacob Brugman homered to help the A's to their second straight home win following eight consecutive losses at the Coliseum.

Padres 6, Indians 2

In Cleveland, Cory Spangenberg hit a two-run homer, Luis Perdomo won his third straight start and San Diego got another rare road win, beating Cleveland as the Indians played again without manager Terry Francona.

Perdomo (4-4) allowed one earned run in five innings and continued his turnaround after a rough start this season. The right-hander didn't get his first win until his 11th start and is 4-1 since June 12.

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Francisco Lindor had three

hits and two RBIs for the Indians, who dropped their second straight to the Padres, fell to 18-23 at home and are 2-11 in interleague play.

Giants 5, Tigers 4

In Detroit, Ty Blach took a shutout into the seventh inning, and San Francisco held off a late Detroit rally.

The Giants led 5-0 before the Tigers scored four times in the seventh. Blach (6-5) was pulled after allowing a two-run single to Victor Martinez, and San Francisco needed three relievers to get through the inning. The Giants used five relievers in all, with Hunter Strickland pitching the eighth and Sam Dyson finishing for his third save.

The last-place Giants have won seven of their last eight games — after losing 12 of 13 before that.

Angels 2, Twins 1

In Minneapolis, Parker Bridwell tossed six scoreless innings, Kole Calhoun hit his 12th home run and Los Angeles edged Minnesota to avoid a road sweep.

Bridwell (3-1) outpitched All-Star Ervin Santana while scattering four hits and strandings seven runners.

Cameron Maybin stole home on a double steal in the sixth, giving the Angels a two-run cushion that helped end their three-game losing streak.

Marlins 9, Cardinals 6

In St. Louis, Giancarlo Stanton homered twice, his 22nd career multihomer game, and Marcell Ozuna and Justin Bour also went deep as Miami beat St. Louis.

Stanton went 3 for 4 with a walk while driving in four runs. He has five hits in his last two games after starting the Marlins' road trip in a 1-for-17 funk.

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Pacquiao backs call for WBO review of his loss to Horn



MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Manny Pacquiao asked the WBO to act on a request by Philippine sports officials for a review of his welterweight world title loss to Jeff Horn, saying he didn't want to see the boxing industry "dying because of unfair decision and officiating."

While Pacquiao has accepted his defeat to Horn, who fought in his first world title bout in Sunday's so-called "Battle of Brisbane," the Philippine senator said in a statement Wednesday he had a "moral obligation to uphold sportsmanship, truth and fairness."

The 11-time world champion cited a request by the Philippines' Games and Amusements Board, or GAB, to World Boxing Organization President Francisco Valcarcel for a thorough review of the refereeing and judging of the bout, which was staged outdoors in front of more than 51,000 fans at Suncorp Stadium.

The WBO should take action on the Philippine request "so as not to erode the people's interest in boxing," Pacquiao said. "I had already



AP
Jeff Horn, left, of Australia and Manny Pacquiao of the Philippines fight during their WBO World welterweight title bout in Brisbane, Australia, Sunday, July 2, 2017.

accepted the decision but as a leader and, at the same time, fighter, I have the moral obligation to uphold sportsmanship, truth and fairness in the eyes of the public."

"I love boxing and I don't want to see it dying because of unfair decision and officiating," he said.

In their July 3 letter to Valcarcel, GAB chairman

Abraham Kahlil Mitra and two other officials expressed concerns about "the possible errors of the referee and the three judges who officiated the subject fight."

"We ... request for a thorough review by the WBO for possible miscalls of the referee where some deductions were not made and of the judges in their judging that have caused

varying opinions on their objectivity," the statement said.

Pacquiao's trainers were critical of the referee for not doing more to stop or penalize head clashes and neck holds. They highlighted statistics that showed Pacquiao, who needed stitches to two cuts in his hairline that resulted from head clashes, landed twice as many punches.

second quarter with June Fidelino, Jude Tengco, and Jay Kapwich teaming up for 21 of the squad's 25 points turn the tables on the Knights at the break, 34-32.

At the resumption of the match, NMI/DYS Rollers and Mt. Carmel went back and forth, as neither team managed to lead by as much 4 points in the third period. Tengco and Alipio took the cudgels for NMI/DYS Rollers in the penultimate quarter, while Quitugua joined forces

with Matthew Richardson and Deleon Guerrero. By the end of the third frame, NMI/DYS Rollers was still clinging to a one-possession lead, 52-50.

The match remained close in the fourth quarter before Mt. Carmel gained some cushion midway behind Deleon Guerrero's successive baskets. However, Factor kept NMI/DYS Rollers in the game, while Alipio delivered the telling blows in the end to eliminate the hard-fighting Knights.

Meanwhile, two more

make-or-break games will be played tonight. No. 3 seed Sonics XVI will be taking on No. 6 Ol'Aces Elite in the first tiff at 5:30pm with the winner advancing to the semis against the Ol'Aces. In the second game at 6:30pm, it will be No. 4 670 Sonics XVIII versus Natibu Warriors with the victor moving into the Final Four against NMI/DYS Rollers. The pair of semis matches will be played on Monday, while the winner-

take-all finals along with the battle for third place are set for Wednesday, July 12.

NMI/DYS Rollers 66 — Factor 12, Alipio 11, Tengco 11, Fidelino 9, Ellama 8, Kapwich 5, Cobacha 3, Mendoza 2, Dancue 2, Kwon 2, Kiza 1.

MCS 62 — Deleon Guerrero 24, Quitugua 12, Richardson 11, Santos 7, Muna 6, Kiser 2.

Scoring by quarters: 9-13, 34-32, 52-50, 66-62.

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mark, the latter proved they could keep up with the former. Mt. Carmel even led NMI/DYS Rollers after the first quarter, 13-9, behind the combined 10 points of Myles Santos and Juan Quitugua. NMI/DYS Rollers trailed after being held to three field goals in the first 10 minutes of the match.

NMI/DYS Rollers then got its offense going in the

It makes the crowd loud, as they count and urge our pitcher to get the third out," Sablan said.

For Michael White, president of Northern Marianas Sports Association, which manages and operates the baseball field and other facilities at the Oleai Sports Complex, the installation of the new scoreboard is very timely, as the CNMI will be hosting the Pacific Mini Games in 2021.

"Baseball, which is the island's first love, will be our featured sports when we host the Mini Games in 2012 and the scoreboard will be the centerpiece of the competition," White said. "Thank you IT&E for your generosity."

IT&E chief executive officer James Oehlerking joined government and sports officials in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly installed baseball scoreboard and reiterated

the company's long-term commitment to the CNMI and its improvement projects, be it in sports or other areas.

"We are thrilled to finally get this installation done. We actively support a variety of sports in the CNMI, as well as other activities on the islands. We will continue to expand our contributions to the CNMI and remain committed to its various sports programs," said Oehlerking, a Chicago Cubs fan.

IT&E Saipan general manager Rose Soledad echoed Oehlerking's statements, saying the company will have more partnerships with the community. One of them is the NMI Museum of History and Culture, as IT&E will start coordinating with its management to find out how the telecommunication company could assist with the museum's problems.

COUME

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Caledonia were also set to play in the main draw of the doubles against Georgia Tan and Jessie Vo yesterday. Coume and Cwajgenbaum advanced to the doubles finals of their first tournament in Brisbane, the 2017 Rod Laver Lead.

Over at the David Turbayne Tennis Centre, Coume's sister, Conatsu split her first two games in the girls U14 singles qualifier, which had 79 players. Conatsu bowed to Elana Nasr, 1-6, 2-6, to miss the main draw. The older Kaga dropped to the consolation bracket where she beat Alice McDougall yesterday, 6-2, 6-2.

Conatsu will next challenge No. 4 seed and fellow Pacific player Eleanor Schuster. Conatsu is also seeing action in the main draw of the girls U14 doubles and she and Elyssa White were slated to meet Elyse Tse and Sadheera Weerapperuma in yesterday's Round 1 match.

In other results, Ji Min Woo got a 2-2 record after two days of playing in the boys U14 age group. He won his first match in the singles qualification, 6-0, 6-0, before losing to No. 2 seed Billy Bougoure, 3-6, 0-6. Woo was relegated to the consolation draw and registered his second shutout win after dominating Samuel Wanandi.

In the doubles, Woo partnered with Maui Leflon and they fell to Jay Friend and James Sim, 2-6, 4-6, while in the singles, the former will square off against Connor Gibson this morning.

Seung Jin Paik is also playing in the U14 age group and had a 1-1 record in singles after losing to Elliot James in the qualifier, 5-7, 0-6, and beating Sebastian Huggins in the consolation bracket, 6-0, 6-2. Next up for Paik is Brandon Mennette, while in the doubles, the CNMI player and Samuel Strid dropped their main draw opener to Xavier Laurie and Thomas Llewellyn, 3-6, 7-5, 8-10.

ropes. Horn recovered and won the next round, setting up a battle of attrition in the two closing rounds.

The WBO published a photo of the judge's cards on its Twitter account on Sunday night, and followed up on the GAB request for an inquest with another post on Wednesday that said: "The discretion of a referee or judge cannot be reversed, except in a case of fraud or violation of laws which is not the case in Pac vs Horn."

Pacquiao entered the fight with a record of 59-6-2, but the last of his 38 wins by knockout was in 2009. Horn hadn't lost any of his previous 17 professional fights, but had never encountered anybody with Pacquiao's credentials.

Philippine officials organized a free public viewing of the bout in southern Marawi city, to give thousands of displaced residents, troops and police a respite from a disastrous siege by Islamic militants that has turned parts of the city into a smoldering war zone.

The Filipinos cheered for their boxing hero, but fell silent when the decision was announced. Marawi crisis committee spokesman Zia Alonto Adiong said then that many could not accept the outcome but he added that the momentary entertainment was a relief and that Pacquiao provided a crucial message of courage and resiliency to the war-weary residents and troops.

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IT&E Baseball Scoreboard Inauguration

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO



IT&E chief executive officer James Oehlerking delivers a brief message during the inauguration ceremony of the IT&E baseball scoreboard at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield yesterday. Also in the photo listening to Oehlerking are Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang.



The IT&E baseball scoreboard was installed at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield last month to show the telecommunication company's support to local sports community.



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expresses his appreciation to IT&E for donating a scoreboard at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



IT&E, government, and sports officials attend the inauguration ceremony of the baseball scoreboard at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.



Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang calls the installation of the scoreboard a milestone as the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield did not have one for over two decades.



From left, IT&E chief executive officer James Oehlerking, sales manager Hans Mickelson, Angela Rosario, IT&E Saipan general manager Rose Soledad, Leriza Debum, and Natashia Tomokane pose for a photo after the inauguration ceremony.



Michael White, president of Northern Marianas Sports Association, which manages the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, thanks IT&E for the installation of the scoreboard.



NMSA staff members and other attendees of the inauguration ceremony listen to the brief message delivered by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.



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Baseball scoreboard unveiled



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Government, sports, and IT&E officials do the ceremonial ribbon cutting for the newly installed baseball scoreboard at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield yesterday.

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The long wait for a scoreboard at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios is over. IT&E installed the equipment last month and held a ribbon cutting ceremony yesterday with no less than Gov. Ralph DLG Torres attending the inauguration and was joined by Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, other government officials, and members and officers of the CNMI sports community.



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The NMI/DYS Rollers' Jude Tengco, right, tries to dribble away from the defense of Mt. Carmel School's Myles Santos, left, and Juan Quitugua during the third quarter of their playoff game in the boys U18 division of the Diaz youth caging last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

NMI/DYS Rollers edge MCS

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NMI/DYS Rollers took the second semis seat in the 2017 Francisco M. Diaz Memorial Youth League after surviving a closely fought playoff match against Mt. Carmel School, 66-62, last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

NMI/DYS Rollers delivered in the homestretch, bouncing back from a 5-point deficit in the last one minute and change of the fourth quarter to grab the victory from the Knights and join first playoff match winner the Ol' Aces to the Final Four.

Lefty Jun Alipio anchored NMI/DYS Rollers' late rally, as he scored 5 of the team's last 9 points, while Warren Ellama

and Angelo Factor contributed one field goal apiece. Factor ended up top-scoring for NMI/DYS Rollers with his 12 points, while Alipio also earned double figures with his 11, matching the production of Jude Tengco.

Tony Deleon Guerrero led all scorers with his 24 markers that went for naught, as the No. 7 seed Knights failed to hit the board in the closing minute and fell short in their bid for an upset against the No. 2 NMI/DYS Rollers.

Though the NMI/DYS Rollers was heavily favored to prevail in the second playoff match of the day owing to its 10-1 record in the regular season against the Knights' 6-5

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Coume makes cut in second Aussie tourney

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Coume Kaga has yet to drop a game in the 2017 Rod Laver Queensland Junior Championships in Brisbane, Australia.

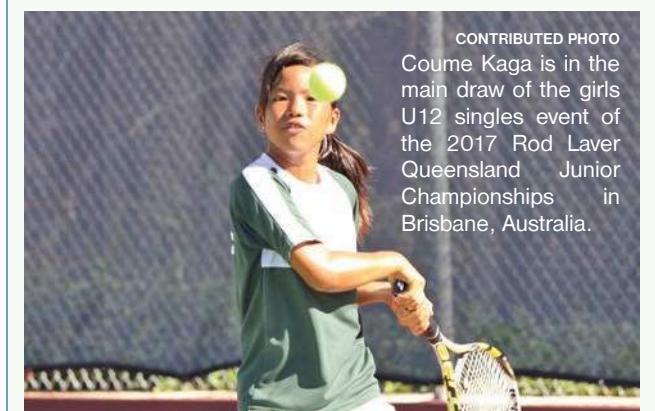
Coume is playing in the girls U12 singles and doubles and gained a 3-0 mark in the qualification for the singles event. She debuted in the tournament with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Leah Tyrell Tuuga last Wednesday at the Ambierra Tennis Centre and then had back-to-back wins on the same day after topping



Tina Elle Waine, 6-1, 6-3. Yesterday morning, Kaga downed Grace Darcy, 6-4, 6-2, to make the grade for the main draw.

The younger Kaga had to go through the qualifier, as 80 players from Australia, New Zealand, and the Grand Slam Development Fund Touring Team (Pacific Oceania) were entered in the division. Games in the main draw started yesterday afternoon with Coume scheduled to duel Ava Edmonds. The 11-year-old Coume and her teammate Clara Cwajgenbaum of New

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Coume Kaga is in the main draw of the girls U12 singles event of the 2017 Rod Laver Queensland Junior Championships in Brisbane, Australia.